

Pollutions - continued

- Greed and covetousness

Where can this soul pollution be found? Sinful pollution can be found in the Christian (Matthew 5:9; 15:18; Acts 15:9; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Titus 1:15; Hebrews 12:15; James 4:8).

Soul pollution can be found in the home and family (1 Thessalonians 4:3-7; Hebrews 13:4; Colossian 3:18-21).

Sinful pollution can be found in the church (Acts 20:29-30; 1 Cor. 5:1-13).

Sinful pollutions in the world affect the Christian, which affects the home, which affects the church. As these sinful pollutions take over, the whole nation becomes sick with sin.

Let us escape the greatest and most devastating pollution of all – soul pollution. Let us resolve like Daniel to keep ourselves from all defilement (Daniel 1:8; Revelation 3:4; 14:4).

We can sometimes escape the world's pollution, but we cannot escape the judgment of God on our own soul pollution (Romans 2:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:3; Hebrews 2:3; 12:25).

- Chris Reeves -

Sentence Sermons

- Ask yourself: Who was ever made a better person by liquor?
- Borrowing money and borrowing trouble can both cause you problems.
- A person is rich or poor, not because of his money, but because of his character.
- When God is behind you pushing you (through his word), you don't need people in front of you pulling you.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Escaping the Pollutions of the World

“...but that we write unto them, that they abstain from the pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from what is strangled, and from blood”
- Acts 15:20 -

Many people today are rightly concerned about pollution. There are many man-made things that can pollute our air, water, etc., and these things can harm us. Environmental pollution is a major concern in our country and throughout the world.

Removing pollutions from the body is another concern. There are many man-made things that we can ingest that can harm us. Often things like cancer are caused by pollutants that we have put in our body.

But, what about soul pollution? What about sinful things that pollute the soul and cause it to be lost? Paul writes about defilement or soul pollution:

“Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God”
- 2 Corinthians 7:1 -

From this passage of scripture, we

learn that it is our responsibility to cleanse ourselves and get rid of the soul pollution that is in us.

Peter writes about defilement or soul pollution:

For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the last state is become worse with them than the first
- 2 Peter 2:20 -



From this passage of scripture, we learn that sin pollutes the soul (2 Peter 2:10) and sin's pollution is a great danger to be escaped from (2 Peter 2:18; 2 Pet. 1:4). Sin's pollution is escaped through a knowledge of, and obedience to, God's word (1 Peter 1:22).

John writes about defilement or soul pollution:

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abides for ever
- 1 John 2:15-17 -

From this passage of scripture, we learn that sin's pollution is primarily caused by the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. These three evil desires can lead to other common soul pollutions such as:

- Idolatry
 - Lying and dishonesty
 - False religion
 - Alcohol and drugs
 - Vulgar language
 - Sexual immorality
 - Anger, hatred, and violence
 - Abortion and murder
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