

Hebrews 7.26

Jesus the undefiled

To be defiled is to be marked and thus ruined by sin. It is the essence of mankind, defilement means that the good that we are created to both enjoy and produce has been marred by our sin. It is the profoundly tragic condition of man that he, in himself, is without redeeming virtue, for there is no part of our basic nature which has not been corrupted and thus defiled... But Jesus Christ is the undefiled. He alone is pure, He alone is without any taint of sin, He alone is immaculate... The glory of this kind of purity belongs only to Christ. It is a virtue that we need desperately and one which in the mercy of God is communicated to us through our Lord Jesus, the Undefiled.

I. DEFILEMENT IS OUR REALITY

A. Universally Present

1. All have sinned

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

(Romans 3:23, NKJV)

2. Each one has inherited Adam's sin

“Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.” (Romans 5:14, NKJV)

3. Each one has wholeheartedly run after sin to satisfy the lusts of the flesh.

“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.” (James 1:14–15, NKJV)

“And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.”

(Ephesians 2:1–3, NKJV)

B. Completely Destroyed

1. Every aspect of our nature is ruined
 - a. Body & Soul

“This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk,

in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.” (Ephesians 4:17–19)

b. Mind & Spirit

“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.” (Romans 1:28–32, NKJV)

2. We have only ruin to pass on to our descent
“Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to

all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous."

(Romans 5:18–19, NKJV)

3. We are not as bad as we could be, but we are completely ruined, every single part of us...
 - a. Defiled in thought
 - b. In word
 - c. In deed
 - d. In intent
 - e. In relation to reality and truth

C. Utterly Helpless

1. Without strength

"For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." (Romans 5:6, NKJV)

2. Without understanding
3. Without desire

"There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God." (Romans 3:11, NKJV)

4. Without ability

"Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word." (John 8:43, NKJV)

5. Without hope...

“that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.” (Ephesians 2:12, NKJV)

II. CEREMONIALLY UNDEFINED

A. Christ is Able to Offer the Sacrifice in our place

1. Not prevented by any circumstance
2. Not prevented by any inadequacy
3. Not prevented by any failing or weakness
4. Not prevented by any lack, any hurt, any wound, any decree

B. Christ is fit to BE the sacrifice

1. No spot or blemish

“knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” (1 Peter 1:18–19, NKJV)

2. No defiling mark or defect ...

C. No sin of own to atone for

“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.” (Hebrews 4:15)

1. Nothing accidental
 2. Nothing unintentional
 3. Nothing purposeful
 4. Nothing in motive, thought, word or deed.
- D. Fit to enter the presence of God
1. He is the divine nature personified
 2. He is not only welcome in the presence of God, He BELONGS there!
 3. He is not a stranger, He is not a tolerated outsider. He is the KING of Glory and the perfect, righteous and RIGHT son of God.

Psalm 24:7-10

III. MORALLY UNDEFILED

- A. No sin committed
1. For His entire life He was without sin
 2. He was without any fault or failing which could have been attributed to the power of sin..
 3. He was fully obedient to the will of the Father and so was in His person and conduct PLEASING to God
- B. No contamination from others
1. Although He walked among sinners, He did not ever take on their condition.

- C. No unholy intention
- D. Willing to bear the burden of His people

IV. RELATIONALLY UNDEFINED

- A. Communicates cleanliness
 - 1. Rather than being brought down as we are,
He lifts us up
- B. Equips for Holiness

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” (2 Peter 1:2–4, NKJV)

- C. Empowers unto Holiness
- D. Covers sin and rebellion

V. ETERNALLY UNDEFINED

- A. Forever honored in the presence of God

“Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders;

and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

(Revelation 5:11–12)

B. Forever accepted at the right hand of Glory

"But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"" (Acts 7:55–56, NKJV)

C. Forever conducting us into that hope and promise

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."
(Colossians 3:1–4, NKJV)

D. Forever our King, Priest and Prophet...

E. Forever, unassailably holy, pure and spotless

1. Even the taking on of our sin did not defile Him in any permanent manner
2. His very nature could not be stained by our corruption.
3. He fashioned, by His death and resurrection, the complete cure for the essential condition of man. For now and for eternity.

F. Forever Preserving and endowing our inheritance which is undefiled, since its source is Jesus...

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” (1 Peter 1:3–5)

VI. TRANSFORMATIONALLY UNDEFILED

A. The whole of the faith is aimed at changing us into the likeness of Christ

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called

according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.” (Romans 8:28–29, NKJV)

“Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”

(James 1:27, NKJV)

“Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;” (2 Peter 3:14, NKJV)

B. The purpose and labor of Christ in us is this transformation

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.” (Ephesians 5:25–27, NKJV)

C. This change in us is what moves the gospel. We are made new and different and the world is transformed around us by the power of Christ.

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.”

(2 Corinthians 10:3–6, NKJV)

D. The boast of God to the powers and rulers in the heavenly places is this transformation.

Ephesians 3.8-12