

8—A Clean Start

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INTRO:

I. → Ezekiel 36:24-29

*“And I will take you from the nations,
and I will gather you from all the lands,
and I will bring you into your own land.
And I will sprinkle **clean** water upon you,
and you will be **cleansed** from all your **uncleannesses**,
and from all your **idols** I will **cleanse** you.”*

*→ 26 “And I will give you a new **heart**,
and put a new **spirit** within you;
and I will take the heart of stone from your flesh
and give you a heart of flesh.*

*And I will put my **Spirit** within you,
and cause you to walk in my statutes,
so my **justices** you shall keep and do.”*

*→ 28 “And you will dwell in the land
which I gave to your forefathers;
and you will be my people,
and I will be your God.*

*29 And I will **save** you from all your **uncleannesses**.”*

- II. Heb (*tumah*) to profane, defile, pollute
Heb (*taher*) to cleanse, purge, purify

BODY:

I. A Clean Start

*and you will be **cleansed** from all your **uncleannesses**,
and from all your **idols** I will cleanse you.*

A. We cannot expect different results from the same choices.

1) **Isaiah 52:11**

Depart, depart, go out from there!

*Touch no **unclean** thing!*

*Come out from her and be **pure**,
you who carry the articles of the Lord's house.*

Heb (*barar*) pure, clear, chosen

2 Corinthians 2:17

2) PURIFYING ISRAEL FROM IDOLATRY

3) GETTING RID OF THE COMPUTER VIRUS

B. Sometimes we need to simply leave the old ways behind us.

1) **Ephesians 4:22-23**

*You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to
put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its
deceitful desires; to be made **new** in the attitude of your
minds.*

2) NOT HANGING OUT WITH SAME FRIENDS

II. An Pure Heart

*and I will take the **heart** of stone from your flesh
and give you a **heart** of flesh.*

A. Whenever God restores us He begins with the heart.

1) **Psalms 24:3-4**

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?

Who may stand in his holy place?

*The one who has clean hands and a **pure heart**,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.*

2) CLEANING OUT THE WOUND

B. Until our hearts are right, nothing in our lives will be right.

1) **2 Timothy 2:22**

*Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness,
faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord
out of a **pure heart**.*

- 2) ZELINSKI BEING KICKED OUT OF THE WHITE HOUSE
- 3) "What God makes clean, do not call unclean" (Acts 10:15)

III. A Spirit Impart

And I will put **my Spirit within you**, (plural)
so my **justice** you shall keep and do.

A. We will never be new until the Holy Spirit takes over.

1) **Psalms 51:10-12**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a **right spirit** within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your **Holy Spirit** from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a **willing spirit**.*

- 2) Heb (*ruach nakown*) spirit of uprightness
Heb (*ruach qadash*) spirit of holiness
Heb (*ruach nadiyba*) spirit of willingness

3) **THE WOOD SPRITE GIVING PINOCCHIO A CRICKET** Wings from Isaiah 6; Eyes from Ezekiel 10

B. He places His Holy Spirit within us so we can live again.

1) **Titus 3:5**

*He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done,
but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing
of rebirth and **renewal** by the **Holy Spirit**.*

2) **STARTING OVER AT CAMP**

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Psalms 51:7-8

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

John 17:15-17

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

Acts 10:14-15

But Peter said, "Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is unholy or unclean." A voice came to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed, do not call unholy."

Philippians 2:13

For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 7:1

Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

1 Peter 3:21

And this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God.