

# The Year Of Following Jesus #123 Jesus Redefines What A Hypocrite Is

April 29, 2024

*Welcome Home!*  
*Thanks for joining us today*

**May 4 & 5, 2024**

My Lighthouse

**Welcome**

Survivor

Egypt

**Lord's Supper Thought**

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

**Prayer**

**Communion**

**Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus**

**#123 - What Makes a Person "Unclean?" -**

**Pastor Ed**



## Good Stuff To Know

**Riverside Services Online-** If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

**Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering-** We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com), click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

**FAQs -** Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.



### First Time Visitors

#### The Lord's Supper (Communion)

This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place (and don't forget to social distance). You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us.

"Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online.  
[www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

### This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- ➔ Youth Group Citywide Clean up - Monday @6
- ➔ Thrive Thursday
- ➔ Ladies Craft Day Saturday
- ➔ NO potluck in May
- ➔ Send Mother's Day Pictures

#### Need To Talk?...

The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.

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Facebook: EagleRiverside

### Riverside Happenings

**Riverside Service Project** - Raising money for Children's Lunchbox. See Corina.

**Mother's Day Pictures** - Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th. Let's celebrate the moms of Riverside! Email three photos for the slideshow to [eagleriverside@gmail.com](mailto:eagleriverside@gmail.com) and write "Mothers Day 2024" in the subject line.

**Young Adults Group** - We will be meeting Friday, May 17th. Text Cassie.

**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, May 11th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Riverside Potluck** - June 9th after the 2nd service. See Lenea.

**Baptism** - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to [www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism](http://www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism)

**Write to our missionaries** - Contact Hank at 713 548 7446.

**Youth Group Volunteer Opportunities** - 1. Sign up to bring a meal for Thrive.

2. Ignite/Rev/Thrive citywide cleanup May 6.

3. Thrive community service/hike days as well as Thrive teach a skill hanging up on board. Thrive summer schedule is up.

4. Ignite/Rev community service dates and sign ups hanging up on board.

**Riverside App** - Did you know Riverside has its own app? You can watch LiveStreams, watch/listen to previous lessons, read daily reflections and download this bulletin and the lesson notes (among other things). Scan the QR code to download the app.

### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, May 6th, 6:00 - 7:30**

Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional.

For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help?

See Cassie.

**Thursday, May 9th, 6:00 - 8:00**

9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional.

Questions? Like to help? See Aniela.

To get updates, text the following to **907.312.2662**:

"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

# Following The Year(s) Of Jesus #123 What Makes Me Unclean?

# The cross has made you flawless

*The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were unclean, that is, unwashed.*

—Mark 7:1-2 (NIV)

## **Observations On Guilt:**

### **1. All Of Us Feel Unclean.**

- *The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.*

—Mark 7:3-4 (NIV)

- *Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

—Romans 7:24-25 (NLT)

## 2. All Of Us Try To Self Cleanse.

- *So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”*

—Mark 7:5 (NIV)

- *Then the Lord said to Moses, “Make a bronze basin, with its bronze stand, for washing. Place it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it. Aaron and his sons are to wash their hands and feet with water from it... This is to be a lasting ordinance for Aaron and his descendants for the generations to come.”*

—Exodus 30:17-21 (NIV)

- *He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”*

—Mark 7:6-8 (NIV)

## 3. Our Methods Of Self Cleansing Don’t Work.

- *Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.”*

—Mark 7:14-15 (NIV)

## 4. Only Jesus Can Make Us Clean.

- *“It is what comes from inside that defiles you. For from within, out of a person’s heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,*

*greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you.”*

*—Mark 7:20-23 (NLT)*

- *Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him... Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel.*

*—Zechariah 3:1-3 (NIV)*

- *We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags.*

*—Isaiah 64:6 (NIV)*

- *The angel said to those who were standing before him, “Take off his filthy clothes.” Then he said to Joshua, “See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you.”*

*—Zechariah 3:4 (NIV)*

- *Listen, High Priest Joshua... I am going to bring my servant, the Branch... and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.*

*—Zechariah 3:8-9 (NIV)*

- *So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.*

*—Galatians 3:26-27 (NIV)*

## **Follow Through Step:**

**Spend some time reflecting on what it means that when you were baptized into Christ you were “clothed with Christ”. Can you feel it. What do you do when you feel unworthy and unclean?**