

**Refiners Fire**  
**Malachi 3:2-3**  
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of the Refiners Fire.

Intro:

1. Many things are purified, gold, silver and other minerals.
2. Are you striving to purify your life today.
3. What is refining? It literally means to produce a purer form of something by removing the impurities from it, or become pure through such a process.
4. Reference to song "Purer in Heart" - Matt 5: 8- pure in heart – the inner man (intellect, will, and emotions)

I. What's the purpose of the fire?

- A. The fire is to remove all impurities.
  1. Impurities must be removed! - **Jer 6:28-30**
  2. It's to remove the imperfections so the item.
- B. The fire leaves the product pure and without faults.
  1. It's to make it perfect and without faults (**Mal 3:3a**)
  2. It makes the item presentable (**Mal 3:b** "may offer to the Lord An offering in righteousness.")

II. Who should be refined by the Maker?

- A. Those who are in sin and those who have fallen back into sin.
  1. Those that had become evil were to be purified. - **Ezk 22:18-22**
  2. Those who want to see God must be pure (**Matt 5:8**).
    - a. Since only the pure in heart see God, we find it is a necessity to be purified by the refiner (God).

III. What are you like after being refined?

- A. You are purer in heart.
  1. We are stronger in faith in God. (**Rom 4:20**)
  2. Those that are pure in heart will see God (**Matt 5:8**)
- B. You will not have any spiritual blemishes.
  1. You refrain from the sin of this world (**James 1:27**)
  2. It's the desire to be like Christ. (**Eph 4:17-20**), when you are different from the world you are pure before God.
- C. You are presentable to God.
  1. The people are to be prepared before God (**Ex 19:10-15**)
  2. We to are to be prepared for the Lords' day, in dress, in attitude, in every way.

#### IV. What purifies a person today?

##### A. The word of God purifies us.

1. The word purifies us by pricking our hearts, to move us to repent and make ourselves right with God. (**Acts 26:19-20**)

2. When we humble repent, and humble ourselves before God He will lift us up (**James 4:7-10**)

##### B. Christ's blood purifies you.

1. The blood of Christ purifies us (**1 Jn 1:7, Rev 1:5**)

2. We are to be purified in order to be obedient and redeemed (Acts 2:37ff – not on screen)

##### C. Your faith in God should keep you pure.

1. Unfaithfulness brings impurities (**1 Tim 6:10**)

2. The pure are to grow in knowledge so they can remain strong (**2 Peter 3:17-18**)

#### Conc:

1. Are we willing to be refined by God? (**Mal 3:2-3**)

2. Do you want to become pure or do you want to remain “dross” (**Ezk 22:18**).

3. Invitation