Vidor, Texas 6/17/70 9/4/75
Lufkin, Tx (Union Rd.) 4/29/71 - June, Night
Dam B 5/18/78 - June 71
Bridge City 8/24/80
Canalouc, TX 6/30/82 KSHTV 3/17/02
Introduction:
1. Not difficult to introduce a subject which will be controverted
Always someone who will differ, offer argumentation, etc.
2. But one subject we hear great deal about lately and almost
without exception everyone agrees on it. POLLUTION.
5. Warnings frequently issued by health departments that we are in
danger because of breathing polluted air; they cite:
- exhaust from automobiles, smoke from plants, etc., etc.
4. FLIGHT OVER HOUSTON RECENTLY: Heavy black thundercloud—RAIN:
But turned out to be air pollution; dense coverage, etc.
5. We should be concerned about this: air, water, pollution;
trash along our highways, etc.
6. Concerned about our health, because therein dwells the soul;
WE MUST DO NOTHING THAT ENDANGERS OUR PHYSICAL BODY
(Many things could be said here about our habits, etc.)

I. POLLUTION OF THE MIND:
1. There is a problem of far greater importance, MORE DANGER---
POLLUTION OF THE MIND, which can effect our eternal destiny
2. Like air pollution, it is a fact that man's mind is polluted
3. HOW?? Through the natural gateways of the mind—EYE and EAR
   The various means of communication furnish the SMOKE,
   DIRT, DUST that enter the mind through the eye and ear.
4. Television, radio, books, magazines, acquaintances, etc.
5. The "gutter language" heard so often today. God's children
   should not use, nor even listen (and often enjoy) such.
6. WE SHOULD HOLD GOD'S NAME IN REVERENCE, IN RESPECT:
   As: "Oh Lord, our Lord how excellent is thy name in all the earth"
   Our children should never hear us DEGRADE God, the CHURCH;
   Our FELLOW CHRISTIANS. BUT HOW OFTEN DO THEY HEAR US SEE
   NO PLACE TO BAD-MOUTH THINGS PERTAINING TO GOD
   How careful we should be in our speech before our children.
   When our children hear us down-grade the church, brethren,
   the preacher, song leader, those who serve the
   table, lead prayers, etc., what attitude will they
   have as they grow older—LOOSE RESPECT?
   Let us not pollute their young minds, keep them pure.
   Mt 5:8—"Blessed are the pure in heart, shall see God"
   We MUST put wholesome thoughts, ideas that will build strong
   character, foundation for faithful life.
   (Doesn't take much salt to pollute glass of water)
   What a tremendous responsibility to LEAD the paths of our
   offspring to God. (HOW MANY LEAD THEM IN WAYS AWAY
   FROM GOD, BY EXAMPLE + LIFE

II. SPIRITUAL POLLUTION:
1. Child is born into flesh free from guilt and pollution—Jn 3:6
2. SIN pollutes, contaminates, makes filthy, separates from God.
   Man must be cleansed, redeemed, reclaimed, washed, born anew,
   cf. if our world is ever free of pollution, will come
   through teaching, building desire, etc.) NEVER FORCE
   Likewise—Rom 10:17—Faith comes through hearing, etc.
4. Cleansed by the blood of Christ (Eph 1:7; Rom 5:9; Heb 10:22; 12:12)
   Through obedience—1 Pet 1:22—Purified souls through
   obedience to the truth.
5. If you stand before God at this moment—what would HE SEE??
   A CLEANSED OR POLLUTED SOUL???

YOU DO STAND BEFORE GOD NOW—HE SEES US.
   Gal 1:22-25—The Mirror of the Soul, WORD OF GOD
   Reflects how we should look.

Song: "There is power in the Blood"

JUSTIFIED; NOT just set free from the penalty:
   cf. Governor may pardon a murderer, but still murderer
   But God makes clean, justified, holy.
   BAPTISM—Acts 2:38;Acts 22:16
   BLOOD—Rom 1:5; Eph 1:7

PURPOSE