

# “Make Yourselves Clean”

## Introduction

1. Hygiene is a very important part of our social life, but still it is an option.
  - A. Spiritual Hygiene is an even more important part of our life and it is NOT an option!
    - 1) Is not – IF we hope to go to heaven.
      - a. God demands spiritual pureness!

1 Timothy 5:22 Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; **keep yourself pure.**

2 Corinthians 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us **cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit**, **perfecting holiness** in the fear of God.

- 2) Our name entered into the Book of Life depends on our pureness, our undefilement.

Revelation 3:4-5 You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. **He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments**, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

**2. Read Isaiah 1:1-20**

**A. This was written in approximately 700 B.C. and tells us the sad spiritual condition of Judah.**

**1) (2-9) Wickedness results in a desperate situation for Judah**

**2) (10) God's basis for evaluation of the Jewish nation = Word**

**3) (11-15) Sacrifices had become cold, heartless and a senseless formality to God.**

**4) (16-20) God's answer**

**3. Judah was told to wash and to make themselves clean before God.**

**A. How can we wash ourselves clean from sin and stay clean?**

**Wash Yourselves Clean by the Word of God****1. Our text says in verse 10 to "Hear the word of the Lord..."**

**A. God's Word has the power to "cleanse" and to "sanctify" (set us apart) from sin.**

John 15:3 You are already clean **because of the word** which I have spoken to you.

John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. **Your word is truth.**

## **2. Only God's Word to us reveals Jesus and His saving blood.**

Matthew 16:17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."

### **A. As God revealed it to Peter, He reveals it to us through the Bible.**

Galatians 1:10-12 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ. But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, **but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

## **1 Corinthians 2:11-16**

### **B. Matters of heaven and of salvation are not of man's invention.**

### **C. Man on his own only reveals destruction.**

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

## **3. The Word **only** is the basis for knowledgeable saving faith in Jesus Christ.**

Romans 10:17 So then **faith comes by hearing**, and hearing by the word of God.

### **A. This cannot happen based on our own intellect, feelings, emotions, traditions, or whatever!**

## Wash Yourself Clean by Obedience to the Word

1. Our text again says in verse 19 **"If you are willing and obedient...."**
2. The washing of one through obedience begins with the initial conversion to the Lord.

Acts 22:16 'And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

**Ephesians 5:25-27**

**Titus 3:3-5**

- A. The washing of ourselves through obedience then must continue in our daily activity as a Christian.

## Wash Yourself Clean by Walking in the Light

1. Isaiah 2:5 continues the thought of cleanliness by saying: **"Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD."**
2. The cleansing of an individual after they have been cleansed through obedience to the Word of God is predicated upon his continued faithful walk.

**1 John 1:5-7**

### 3. Walking in the light involves:

#### A. Putting away evil

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

#### B. Ceasing to do evil

Ephesians 2:1-2 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,

#### C. Learning to do good

2 Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

#### D. Standing up for Jesus in your everyday life

**Matthew 10:32-39**

## Conclusion

### 1. Won't you make yourself clean today, and then keep yourself clean EVERYDAY?

Isaiah 1:18-20 "Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword;" for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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