

GODLINESS PT. 15

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I CORINTHIANS 4:12

12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:

I PETER 2:20

20 **FOR WHAT GLORY IS IT**, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when **ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently**, this is acceptable with God.

I PETER 2:21

21 For even hereunto **were ye called**: because Christ also suffered for us, **leaving us an example**, that ye should follow **HIS STEPS**:

I PETER 2:22

22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

I PETER 2:23

23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but ***COMMITTED** himself to him that judgeth righteously:

COMMITTED: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3860
paradidomi {par-ad-id'-o-mee}
to give into the hands (of another), to give over into (one's)
power or use:

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ROMANS 5:10

10 For if, **when we were ENEMIES**, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

COLOSSIANS 1:21

21 And you, that were sometime alienated and **ENEMIES** in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

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46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

MATTHEW 5:47

47 And if ye ***SALUTE** your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

SALUTE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 782

aspazomai {as-pad'-zom-ahee}

greet, embrace, bid welcome, wish well to.

MATTHEW 5:48

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

LEVITICUS 12:6

6 ¶ And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon, **or a turtledove**, for a sin offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest:

HEBREWS 7:26

26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, **HARMLESS**, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

PHILIPPIANS 2:15

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

ACTS 7:60

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, **Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.** And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

MATTHEW 5:8

8 Blessed are the ***PURE** in heart: for they shall see God.

PURE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2513

katharos {kath-ar-os'}

clean, physically, purified by fire; in a similitude, like a vine cleansed by pruning and so fitted to bear fruit ethically, free from corrupt desire, from sin and guilt; free from every admixture of what is false, sincere; genuine; blameless, innocent; unstained with the guilt of anything

I TIMOTHY 1:5

5 ¶ Now the end of the commandment is charity **out of a PURE heart**, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

I TIMOTHY 5:22

22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: **keep thyself PURE.**

II TIMOTHY 2:22

22 ¶ Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord **out of a PURE heart.**

I PETER 1:22

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another **with a PURE heart fervently:**

II PETER 3:1

1 ¶ This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your **PURE minds** by way of remembrance:

I JOHN 3:2

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

I JOHN 3:3

3 And every man that hath this hope in him **purifieth himself, even as he is PURE**.

II CORINTHIANS 7:1

1 ¶ Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us ***CLEANSE** ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

CLEANSE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2511

katharizo {kath-ar-id'-zo}

purge, purify, in a moral sense; to free from defilement of sin and from faults; to consecrate by cleansing or purifying; to consecrate, dedicate;

In ancient Jewish traditions, marriage was considered a deeply sacred covenant, and various rituals were performed to prepare the bride and groom spiritually and physically for this important step.

THE RITUAL BATH, OR MIKVEH, was a central part of this preparation, **particularly for the bride**. Here's an expanded explanation of the practice and its significance:

The bride immersed herself in a mikveh, a specially constructed pool of natural, **flowing water** (e.g., from rain, springs, or rivers). This immersion was not just about physical cleanliness **but ritual purity**. It was seen as a spiritual cleansing, **symbolizing the bride's readiness for a new chapter in life, free from any impurities**.

The immersion typically occurred shortly before the wedding. Water symbolized life, renewal, and a connection to the divine. **By immersing fully in the water, the bride experienced A SYMBOLIC REBIRTH**, preparing her to embrace the sacred bond of marriage. The immersion was accompanied by specific blessings, often said silently by the bride. These blessings expressed gratitude to God and invoked His presence in the new phase of life.

EPHESIANS 5:25

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

EPHESIANS 5:26

26 That he might **SANCTIFY** and **CLEANSE** it with the **WASHING OF WATER BY THE *WORD**,

WORD: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4487

rhema {hray'-mah}

that which is or has been uttered by the living voice, thing spoken, (a declaration of one's mind made in words);

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61.....**A pesthouse is where they put all the diseased people. Well, that's just what sin done to us, put us in an earthly pesthouse.** Were you... They wouldn't let anyone else come in the pesthouse, because there's all kinds of germs flying around in there, and--and the people will take these germs and--and be sick, themself. **AND SIN BROUGHT US INTO THE DEVIL'S PESTHOUSE.**

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62 **OH, BUT THE OTHER ONE IS CALLED, "MY FATHER'S HOUSE."** "I'll go and prepare a place for you. Take you out of this pesthouse and deliver you into My Father's House." Amen. There you are; take you out of this old earthly pesthouse. He's

gone to prepare a place, a perfect place where no evil exists, no sickness exists, no old age exists, no death exists.

It's a perfect place calling you to that perfection, and you have to be perfect to get there. The Bible said so. Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." **It's a perfect Kingdom, so it must be a perfect people come.** Because, you have to stand and be married to a perfect Son of God, **and you must be a perfect Bride.** So how can you do it through anything else but the perfect Word of God, which is, **"The Waters of separation, that washes us from our sins"**? Amen. That's right. **The Blood of Jesus Christ, think of It, the dripping, Bloody Word. Amen. THE BLOOD, THE--THE WORD OF GOD BLEEDING BLOOD, TO WASH THE BRIDE IN.** Amen. Yes, sir. She stands perfect, virgin, unadulterated. She never sinned, in the first place. Amen. **She was trapped into it. See?**
There's the Father's House that He's gone to prepare.

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178 One day, there will come a blast from Heaven, "And the dead in Christ shall rise first." Them Old Testament saints back yonder, who are waiting, will blast forth and come out of there first, and go into the resurrection. We'll drop right in line, going into the sky; **these old mortal bodies changed and made like unto His Own glorious body.** What a--what a parade that'll be when it starts heavenward, some of these days, in that rapturing time that lays ahead, **oh, proudly displaying the Blood of Jesus Christ upon their chests, the Message of God in the hour that they lived in.** That's the hour that we're looking forward to, brother.....

EPHESIANS 5:27

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having **SPOT**, or **WRINKLE**, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

EPHESIANS 5:28

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

The pre-marriage mikvah is a spiritual and uplifting preparation for the sanctity of the wedding day, **likened to the bride's own PERSONAL YOM KIPPUR, the day she is "reborn" as a unit together with her new husband, approaching life with A FRESH SLATE.**

This passage echoes the Jewish custom where a bride would undergo ritual immersion in a mikveh before marriage **to achieve a state of purity**. Paul applies this imagery to Christ and the Church, presenting Jesus as the Bridegroom who purifies His bride through baptism. Baptism, like the mikveh, **signifies cleansing and renewal**, preparing the Church to enter into an eternal covenant with Christ.

JOHN 13:8

8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

JOHN 13:9

9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

JOHN 13:10

10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

I PETER 3:7

7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; **that your prayers be not hindered.**

I JOHN 2:1

1 ¶ My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an ***ADVOCATE** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

ADVOCATE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3875
parakletos {par-ak'-lay-tos}
comforter, summoned, called to one's side, one who pleads another's cause before a judge,

I JOHN 2:2

2 And he is the ***PROPTIATION** for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

PROPTIATION: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2434
hilasmos {hil-as-mos'}
an appeasing, the means of appeasing,

I JOHN 3:20

20 ¶ For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

I JOHN 3:21

21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we ***CONFIDENCE** toward God.

CONFIDENCE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3954
parrhesia {par-rhay-see'-ah}
boldness, freedom in speaking, without concealment; free and fearless confidence, cheerful courage,

PSALM 119:9

9 ¶.....Wherewithal shall a young man **CLEANSE** his way? by taking heed thereto according **TO THY WORD**.

JOHN 15:3

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

II CORINTHIANS 3:18

18 But we all, with open face beholding **as in a glass** the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

JAMES 1:23

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding **his natural face in a glass**:

JAMES 1:24

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

JAMES 1:25

25 But whoso **LOOKETH** into the perfect law of liberty, **AND CONTINUETH THEREIN**, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

LEVITICUS 8:6

6 And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, **and washed them with water**.

LEVITICUS 8:7

7 And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound it unto him therewith.

EXODUS 30:17

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

EXODUS 30:18

18 Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, and his foot also of brass, to wash withal: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein.

EXODUS 30:19

19 For Aaron and his sons shall **wash their hands and their feet thereat:**

EXODUS 30:20

20 When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, **they shall wash with water, that they die not;** or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD:

EXODUS 30:21

21 So they **shall wash their hands and their feet,** that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations.