

GODLINESS PT. 16

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.

EPHESIANS 4:22

22 **THAT YE PUT OFF** concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

EPHESIANS 4:23

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

EPHESIANS 4:24

24 And that **YE PUT ON THE NEW MAN**, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

COLOSSIANS 3:5

5 ¶ ***MORTIFY** therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

MORTIFY: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3499

nekroo {nek-ro'-o}

be dead, to put to death, slay, to deprive of power, destroy the strength of

COLOSSIANS 3:8

8 ¶ But now **YE** also **PUT OFF** all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

HEBREWS 4:1

1 ¶ Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

JAMES 4:7

7 **SUBMIT YOURSELVES** therefore to God. **RESIST** the devil, and he will flee from you.

JAMES 4:8

8 **DRAW NIGH** to God, and he will draw nigh to you.
Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; **and purify your hearts**, ye double minded.

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.

REVELATION 3:4

4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis **WHICH HAVE NOT DEFILED THEIR GARMENTS**; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

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);

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 ***PROPITIATION** for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

PROPITIATION: 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.

HEBREWS 10:22

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

I JOHN 1:5

5 ¶ This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, **THAT GOD IS LIGHT, AND IN HIM IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL.**

I JOHN 1:6

6 **IF WE SAY** that we have fellowship with him, and walk in ***DARKNESS**, we lie, and do not the truth:

DARKNESS: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4655
skotos {skot'-os}

metaph. of ignorance respecting divine things and human duties, and the accompanying ungodliness and immorality, persons in whom darkness becomes visible and holds sway

I JOHN 1:6

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and **walk in darkness**, we lie, and do not the truth:

II CORINTHIANS 6:14

14 Be ye not ***UNEQUALLY** yoked together with unbelievers: for what **FELLOWSHIP** hath righteousness with unrighteousness? **and what COMMUNION hath light with darkness?**

UNEQUALLY: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2086 heterozugeo {het-er-od-zoog-eh'-o}
to come under an unequal or different yoke, to have fellowship with one who is not an equal:

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers - This is a military term: keep in your own ranks; do not leave the Christian community to join in that of the heathens.

II CORINTHIANS 6:15

15 And what **CONCORD** hath Christ with Belial? or what **PART** hath he that believeth with an infidel?

The word concord gives us our English word "symphony," and it speaks of beautiful music that comes when the players are reading the same score and obeying the same leader. What chaos we would have if each instrumentalist played his own tune in his own way!

SHALOM_ SIERRA.VISTA.AZ V-13 N-5 SUNDAY_ 64-0112
197.....You--you got a sheet in your hand that would tell you these things, **where the changes of the music begins to make it act out, then you see what the act is.** When you see God's Spirit fall upon people and do a certain thing, **you look back and see where it's at. See if it's that, if that's the thing for today.....**

SHALOM_ SIERRA.VISTA.AZ V-13 N-5 SUNDAY_ 64-0112
199 Now, they had a sheet in their hand, but what would they do? They were trying to look back to a beat that had all... **a portion had already been played out.** That's what the churches do today. They look back, see what part Luther played; the Lutherans does. **They don't know the change of music.** They don't know what God's doing today when He does these things, the Lutherans. The Pentecost say, **"Oh, we got It." You got a sheet that played out fifty years ago. See? Certainly.** Let's just keep this Word in our hands, and watch when the changes come, **THEN WE'LL KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING.**
200 Now, and begin with Him at the cross. "Repent, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins; **and you shall receive the Music, THE DIRECTION,"** see, "His Word, the Holy Ghost that manifests the Word." **Then follow through with the rhythm of the Word. What ever the Music beats for that hour, BEAT WITH IT. See?**

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203 **He knows every junction. He knows the rhythm must... when it must take place.** He knows what it takes to mold you, He knows what kind of material He's going to use. See? The backside of the desert sometimes, where God molds righteous men into sages and prophets. See? See? **That's where men are beat out. Men are beat out, in the Word.** When they got all kind of creed and stuff in them, let them come to the Word and **God beats it right out of them,** molds it right into This, into the great Sympathy with, of His Word. See? **And then they see the Word moving on.**

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204 **God knows when the rhythm of it has got to change. He knows how the rhythm goes.** I don't know how it goes, but He knows. He knows how it goes, I don't. But I look at it here, and I say, "Well, it's just coming."

205 "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but God delivereth them out of them all." **See? God has moved through history with THE RHYTHM OF THE PROMISE OF HIS WORD, IN EACH AGE, in the same rhythm, making His Word.** That's how God moved down through history, from all the way from Genesis to Revelation, He has moved through history with His Word. That's right, with the rhythm of--of the power of the Holy Spirit vindicating His Word to the Elected. **Remember, He's never been able to touch the outside church. It's only the Elected.**

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150 **Now, if you don't understand a symphony, it's a big bunch of racket to you, if you don't understand it.** You've got to understand what it is. It's all done by signs and motions, but it acts out a drama in this symphony. **Now, we notice, the only one that understands a symphony is the composer and those who are interesting in knowing it, knows its changes, knows what takes place.**

151 The composer knows every move, from the end to the beginning, from the beginning to the end. Did you know that? **The one who wrote it up, he composes this, he knows every little junction. If he knows every junction, so does the director have to do, to direct it.** Now how you going to twist your creed in that? One little miscue of that stick, that sign, one little mis-sign at a junction, would throw the whole orchestra off, throw the whole symphony out. Now you know that's true. **The composer and director has to be in the same spirit.**

SHALOM_ PHOENIX.AZ V-22 N-1 SUNDAY_ 64-0119

152 That's why **THE MINISTER** and the Word of God, God's great Symphony He has been playing since the dawn of time; **the minister**, at the Word, has to not look over here and say, "I

believe this ought to be; you ought to make It this way." He has got to go the way the sheet Music says take it. **That's the way the Gospel has got to be preached, the way the Word says take It.....**

SHALOM_ PHOENIX.AZ V-22 N-1 SUNDAY_ 64-0119

156.....The symphony is not in harmony with the sheet Music! They're making church creed and everything else, **when it's the Word that's supposed to be preached**, to be manifested. Something wrong with the directors, then the whole band is mixed up, and they don't know what to do.....

SHALOM_ PHOENIX.AZ V-22 N-1 SUNDAY_ 64-0119

158 Can't you see, my brother, sister, it's got to be in harmony? **The director has got to be with the Word.** When It says one thing, don't say something else; it'll give the wrong sign, **then the whole thing goes out of rhythm.....**

SHALOM_ PHOENIX.AZ V-22 N-1 SUNDAY_ 64-0119

163 **NOTICE, YOU MUST BEGIN IN THE MUSIC LIKE HE DID, GET INTO THE RHYTHM OF IT**, get into the promised Word. See the way He done it at the beginning.....

SHALOM_ PHOENIX.AZ V-22 N-1 SUNDAY_ 64-0119

234.....I want to raise up at the last day. And only those who are included in this great Symphony, Lord, as I have tried to explain it this afternoon, **that's the one that comes forth at the end of the--of the sheet music**, when the great resurrection, and all the Angels clap their hands and the saints go marching in. It's those who has acted out that part in this great drama we play, pray, Lord.

235 We know that in a drama they change masks, they come from one thing to another, and that's what You did. You come from the Spirit, God, the Great Jehovah, **and put on the mask of a human being**, changed Your--Your--Your strain; You changed. You pitched Your tent. **You came down from God,**

and become man, that You might die to redeem man. You changed Your mask.

236 Then again You've changed it, and You've masked Yourself into the people who will believe and act out according to the Word that You have written here. Blessed are the eyes that see It, blessed are the hearts that receive It, blessed are the ears that hear It, **for there will come a resurrection when the Symphony is over. God, let us all be there, will You? Bless this little group.**

II CORINTHIANS 6:15

15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

II CORINTHIANS 6:16

16 And what agreement hath the ***TEMPLE** of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people

TEMPLE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3485
naos {nah-os'}
a shrine, the sacred edifice (or sanctuary),

I CORINTHIANS 3:17

17 If any man defile **the temple of God**, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, **which temple ye are.**

I CORINTHIANS 6:19

19 What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you**, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

EPHESIANS 2:21

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto **an holy temple in the Lord:**

EPHESIANS 2:22

22 In whom ye also are builded together for **an habitation of God through the Spirit.**