

Wash. Worship. Repeat.

EXODUS 30:17-21

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God
Dwells
WITH US

I. A bronze basin was placed in the tabernacle for _____.

The Lord said to Moses, "You shall also make a basin of bronze, with its stand of bronze, for washing. You shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it, with which Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet." Exodus 30:17-19

Cleansing was necessary because of the sacrificial system.

Cleansing was symbolic, reminding the priests of God's holiness.

Cleansing was constant because the sacrifices were continual.

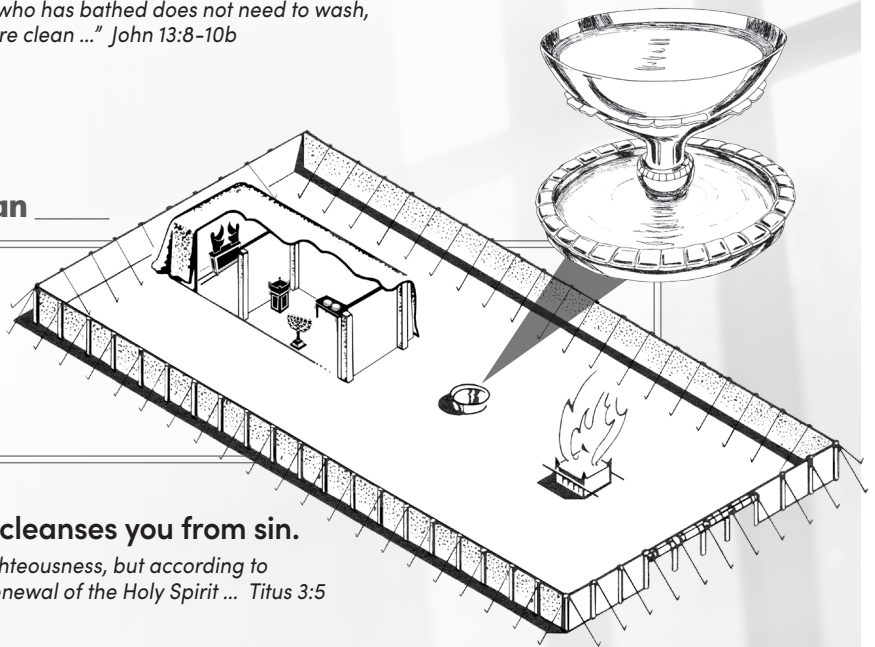
II. Jesus cleansed His disciples so they could _____ with Him.

Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean ..." John 13:8-10b

Allow God to cleanse what only He can _____ so you can dwell with Him. _____

*"For the Lord sees not as man sees:
man looks on the outward appearance,
but the Lord looks on the heart."*

1 SAMUEL 16:7b



Accept Jesus' sacrificial _____ which cleanses you from sin.

... he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit ... Titus 3:5

Look into God's Word to get an accurate _____ of what needs cleansing.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. James 1:22-24

Confess your sins to God so you can enjoy _____ fellowship with Him.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

"Come now, 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 become like wool." ISAIAH 1:18

HOME GROUP

Lesson + Devotional

1. Read Exodus 30:17-21. What did God specify, and not specify, about the bronze basin? Why wasn't its appearance as important as the contents?
2. Why was the basin made of bronze and not gold?
3. What did God want people to understand about purity and holiness when He included the bronze basin in the Tabernacle design?
4. What does the water for washing symbolize? What does this point toward?
5. After their initial consecration, how often were the priests to wash themselves with water from the basin? What parallels do you see here with John 13:1-11? How is this relevant to you today?
6. Picture the basin as a vessel filled with "liquid grace." Jesus is offering to wash away your sins, struggles, everything that is hindering you from feeling clean. Will you confess your sins and let His grace and living waters wash you now? Talk to Him in prayer about this.
7. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. Gazing into the basin as you pray, whose reflection do you see looking back at you—Jesus with the new you, or the accuser with your old self? What needs to change so you see the proper reflection?

HELPFUL Quotes

God does not accept worship until it comes from a cleansed heart, nor will He accept service except from a cleansed heart. ... When you go to church and don't enjoy the service, maybe it's not just because the preacher is dull. Maybe you are a dirty saint. When you have the combination of a dull preacher and a dirty saint, you do not have a very exciting service. - J. Vernon McGee

In Scripture, water for drinking is a picture of the Spirit of God (Jn 7:37-39), while water for washing is a picture of the Word of God (Ps 119:19; Jn 15:3; Eph 5:25-27). - Warren Wiersbe

Water is used by us not only for cleansing, but to invigorate—nothing is more refreshing to tired feet than to bathe them. .. In order to minister before God as priests, we must first receive refreshment from His Word. It is by that alone we are "quickenened"—revived and refreshed. - Arthur Pink

The laver held water for the priest to wash his hands. This spiritually signifies the blood and the water that poured from Jesus when he hung on the cross for our healing. It is the blood that cleanses us from sin, and it is the water that cleanses us from self. We are to be washed by the water of the Word. The copper of the basin was highly polished, so reflected in it were the door that stood in front of it and the brazen altar behind it. James 1:23-25 says the Word acts as a mirror, and after looking within ourselves, we often forget what we've been shown. The Word of God—Jesus—came to wash, heal and cleanse us. Jesus is the One who came to take away the sins of the world. We were washed by his blood and sanctified through the washing of his Word. ... The brazen laver is a beautiful time of introspective work, self-examination with repentance, renewal and healing. - Carrie George, *The Tabernacle Prayer Pattern: Praying Through the Tabernacle*

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1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.
(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



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