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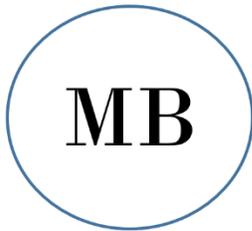
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Cleanse Me, Lord!

“And I will give them singleness of heart and put a new spirit within them. I will take away their stony, stubborn heart and give them a tender, responsive heart” Ezekiel 11:19 NLT

“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. . . . I will also save you from all your uncleannesses” Ezekiel 36:26-27, 29a

“My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.” Psalms 57:7

“The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.” Psalms 28:7

“Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me. Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.” Psalms 27:7,14

“But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another (Galatians 6:4).” Spiritual Cleansing is the process of confessing and forsaking known sin, listening to the conviction of the Holy Spirit (John 16:8, 10; Prov. 28:13, 1 John 1:9) and examining yourself. Just like we are to examine ourselves before we take communion, we need to take times to examine ourselves by asking the Holy Spirit to show

us any areas that need to be addressed, areas where we have allowed Satan to get a foothold and have become complacent with our sin.

Don't be afraid to ask the Lord Jesus for a spiritual heart transplant.

Spiritual cleansing should not be seen as just a necessary chore, but as a gift from the Lord. Jesus' blood cleanses us! Remembering what HE did on the cross and what that cross was about should inspire us to go forward—forsaking the sins that are trying to cling on and drag us down. We are restored to fellowship with the Father because of Jesus; thus we can enter into the presence of God!

Let's pray:

Jesus, I ask that You reveal to us by the Holy Spirit through the Bible of the cleansing power of the cross. Please, as we gaze upon Your Word, O Lord, may we continue to stand in awe and wonder of You, delighting that Your blood cleanses and that we have access to the Throne of Grace. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Meant to Go from Glory to Glory

Please Read 2 Corinthians 3 in the NKJV if possible before going on.

Key points to remember from this passage

- Sufficiency is from God v.5
- The Spirit (that is, the Holy Spirit) gives life v. 6
- Ministry of Death—ten commandments “laws or rules” without the Spirit v. 7
- The ministry of righteousness has a greater glory v. 9
- Since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech v. 12
- The veil is taken away in Christ v.14
- When one turns to the Lord, the veil removed v. 16
- The Lord is a Spirit v. 17
- Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom! V. 17
- With an unveiled face, we behold as in a mirror the glory of the Lord v. 18
- We are being transformed into the same image (Christ) from glory to glory by the Spirit of the Lord v. 18

Spiritual cleansing is a pruning process—like peeling an onion: we get closer to the core with each layer peeled away (our “core” is Christ because we are saved). As we’re pruned we become more and more like Christ— from glory to glory we are being transformed into the SAME image.

This process is called sanctification: it is the process of becoming holy. The transformation does not take place because of your effort, but because of the effort of the Holy Spirit. Your role is to be obedient as the process takes place. Often times cleansing is challenging, but its purpose is to make us more like the Lord Jesus and strip off another layer of our flesh.

When you accept Christ, the Divine Seed of Christ is placed within your spirit (Luke 8:11, 1 Peter 2:22-3:3). It grows as time goes on. You are instantly saved, but you aren't instantly made perfect. To clarify, we are perfectly righteous in the eyes of the Lord because He sees Christ's righteousness after we're saved and in fellowship with Him (2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 3:22-26), otherwise we couldn't enter into the Father's presence; however, we are in the process (our entire lives) of growing, or maturing, closer to the Lord. Some may feel discouraged that there is a lifelong process that we go through, but I have one question in regard to that mindset: "how boring would it be if you were completely changed and as close to God as you will ever be on this earth the moment you accepted Christ?" The rest of your Christian walk there would be nothing new to discover, grow in and hear from the Lord! Similarly to how we continue to learn new things about our best friends (and yes, even your spouse) as the years go on, so we continue to deepen our relationship with the Lord.

Christ isn't about legalistic rules. He's about a relationship. That relationship does have some responsibilities because we are His Bride—we can't run around prostituting ourselves with the World, the Flesh and the Devil and not reap consequences. If the Lord is dealing with you about something, don't be discouraged; but be en-couraged that you are being transformed to go on to another glory in the Lord!

May you be en-couraged that the Lord has designed a process where you can get to know Him more.

And, therefore, may we cry out "Cleanse Me, Lord!"

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