

Washing By the Word

Overview: The Word transforms. The Word cleanses. The Word delivers. The Word makes us free (from sin). All of this for the purpose of being the Glorious Church without spot or wrinkle, holy without blemish. As the Glorious Church we can face every challenge as Overcomers, paving the way for the Glory of the Lord to be revealed.

A. The Goal – Be the Glorious Church

1. Washing of water by the Word. Eph 5:26
2. That Jesus might present to himself the Glorious Church. Eph 5:27
3. Sanctify and Cleanse the Church by the washing... Eph 5:26
4. The four verbs of cleansing – the process of removing the spots, wrinkles, and blemishes from the church.
 - a. Sanctify – *hagiazō*: to make holy, set apart for a holy purpose, purify.
 - b. Cleanse – *katharizō*: wash, cleanse, purify.
 - c. Purify – *hagnizō*: to make clean, purify, sanctify.
 - d. Purge – *ekkatharizō*: to cleanse thoroughly.
5. The Living Word divides, discerns, and reveals the heart. Heb 4:12-13

B. Processes of Washing of Water by the Word

1. It's all about change. Be conformed to the image of Christ. Rom 8:29
2. Change is about identifying the hindrances and then doing the Word.
 - a. Heart – iniquity: wrong (evil), twisted ways of thinking. Pro 14:12
 - b. Soul – sin: choosing to be disobedient. Heb 3:12
 - c. Mind – ignorance of God/Word: focused on the 5 senses. Hos 4:6
 - d. Body – lusts, desires: fleshly/carnally oriented. Rom 8:13
3. The trying of our faith reveals the condition of our heart. Jam 1:2-4,13-15
4. The pursuit of the Word reveals demonic openings in our heart. Mark 4:13-20
5. Be a vessel of honor by purging, fleeing, pursuing, repenting. 2 Tim 2:20-26
6. The Word teaches, exposes, corrects, trains in righteousness. 2 Tim 3:16-17
7. How these processes affect our parts.
 - a. (Heart) We guard our heart by guarding our mind. Prov 4:20-27
 - b. (Heart) Use the Word as a mirror to see Jesus. 2 Cor 3:18; Jam 1:22-25
 - c. (Soul) Pursue to know God with your whole being. Pro 2:1-11
 - d. (Mind) Use the Word to renew the mind to be set free. Rom 2:2; Joh 8:31-36
 - e. (Body) Bring the body under by living after the Spirit. 1 Cor 9:27; Rom 8:13

C. Applying the Process of Washing of Water by the Word

1. Attitudes of change.
 - a. Desire not to sin – make a commitment in your heart. Rom 6:1-2
 - b. Approach the Word with humility. God knows better than you. Jam 1:21-25
 - c. Flee sin by pursuing righteousness. 2 Tim 2:22
 - d. Pursue humility. It's not about you. 1 Pet 5:5-6
 - e. Pursue love. It's about others. 1 Cor 13:1-8
2. How to identify areas for change.
 - a. Confessing sins: what is a common sin for you to confess?
 - b. What do others say about you? Prov 27:6; Mat 7:3-5
 - c. What are the sins Satan is trying to get you to commit?
 - d. What triggers strong emotions in you? Fear, anger, frustration, etc.
3. Tools to allow the Word to wash us.
 - a. Center your life around God with your Interval Living Matrix.
 - b. Regularly praying USP's to stay under grace. 1 Joh 1:9
 - c. Cast down imaginations with every thought contrary to the Word. 2 Cor 10:5
 - d. Study the Word regarding sin and how to pursue righteousness. 2 Tim 2:22
4. Deal with the demonic influences in your life.
 - a. After confessing sins or casting down imaginations continue by casting the demons, devils, and evil spirits (DDE's) out of your life.
 - b. After you have been finding success in overcoming specific sins in your life then cast out of your life and body the specific DDE's behind those sins (i.e., spirit of fear, lust, unforgiveness, etc.). Mat 12:43-45
 - c. Keep pursuing righteousness, walk in the fear of the Lord, let the Word discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.