

## Wash or Die

### **Intro:**

Heb 12:28-29

Intimacy and access to God should not look like presumption and casualness and yet...

A recent study by Lifeway reports that as few as 30 percent of people claiming to be protestant born again believers actually read their Bible every day even though they think they should.

<https://albertmohler.com/2016/01/20/the-scandal-of-biblical-illiteracy-its-our-problem-4/>

What do you think our service to God looks like apart from the daily cleansing renewing power of His Word in actually in our lives?

### **Problem:**

Matt 22:23-33

Biblical illiteracy is not a new phenomena (have you never read)

What does this have to do with the tabernacle?

Jn 1:1 (rev 19)

We have learned about Jesus the Mercy Seat, Jesus the Light of the world, Jesus the Bread of life, Jesus the Temple of God, Jesus the Lamb of God, Jesus the better High priest of God, now we come to this last piece of furniture and learn about Jesus the Word of God.

### **Main Idea:**

Behold the holy hygiene  
of a set apart servant of God

### **Implication:**

Regular confession to God is the key to regular fellowship with God

Regular reading of the Word is the key to regular confession

### **Application:**

I need the Word every day because I need God every day

The very act of being in the Word every day is an admission, a confession, that you need Him every day

### **Articles for further study:**

<https://www.oneplace.com/ministries/grace-to-you/read/articles/if-we-confess-our-sins-9344.html>

<https://albertmohler.com/2016/01/20/the-scandal-of-biblical-illiteracy-its-our-problem-4/>

<http://www.intothyword.org/apps/articles/?articleid=36562>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/melissa-kruger/daily-bread-8-reasons-why-you-need-it-more-than-you-think-2/>

<http://www.barabbas.com/bible-reading-plans/>

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Text:

### Behold the holy hygiene

Ex. 30:17 ¶ The LORD said to Moses,

Ex. 30:18 “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,

Ex. 30:19 with which Aaron and his sons shall wash their **hands** and their **feet**.

*ex 29:4 (not a regular thing but a one time occurrence picturing the one time sacrifice)*

*Titus 3:3-7 (regenerated by Holy Spirit - new nature)*

*1 Cor 6:9-11 (one time event in view - death to life)*

*Jn 13:1-17 (distinguishing between two kinds of cleansing)*

*And our mothers were right when they called us to the family table, not with*

*'Have you had your bath?'; but with 'Have you washed your hands?')*

*Heb 10:19-22 (we have been washed...not about salvation but fellowship)*

*ps 24:3-4 (pure heart -H.Spirit took care of pure heart - clean hands something else)*

*(matt 5:8 (blessed are the pure in heart they will see God))*

*ex 38:8 (bronze the material of mirrors - what were they supposed to see and realize every time they met with God?)*

*1 jn 1:5-10 (it urges us to regularly retune ourselves to His perspective not only of who He is but who we are - regular confession to God is the key to regular fellowship with God)*

### Of a set apart servant

Ex. 30:20 When they go into the tent of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn a food offering to the LORD, they shall wash with water, **so that they may not die**.

Ex. 30:21 They shall wash their hands and their feet, **so that they may not die**. It shall be a **statute forever to them**, even to him and to his offspring throughout their generations.”

*Acts 5:1-8 (what happens if we don't? Wash or die)*

*Just because you don't die doesn't mean you shouldn't...having said that should we live in fear? I am an awful lot like them at times...God has given us an antidote - a bronze basin to wash in when we meet Him)*

*James 4:1-8 (being regularly in the Word is the answer that will lead us to appropriate confession)*

*James 1:22-25 (meant to elicit a response - humility, confession, opposite of presumption)*

*rom 12:1-2 (meant to transform us - "we will not believe more than we know, and we will not live higher than our beliefs" (Mohler))*

*Heb 4:12-16 (meant to confront us, to wash over us with an image of His holiness, meant to confront our independence meant to assure us)*

*eph 5:26 (meant to wash us - He is washing your feet right now through this Word)*

*col 3:16-17 (meant to get inside us - to dwell in us richly- the fruit of a transformed life begins with the Bible)*

*Jn 17:17-23 (real relationships built upon truth - the Word - is the basin between us -*

*I need the Word every day because I need God every day)*

*The very act of being in the Word every day is an admission, a confession, that you need Him every day)*

*Regular confession to God is the key to regular fellowship with God*

*Regular reading of the Word is the key to regular confession*

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## Application Questions

MESSAGE RECEIVED  
(Do you understand what you learned?)

- What is the main point of this message? (Could you summarize it in your own words?)
- What is something new that you learned?
  - What was your knowledge in this area before you heard this message?
  - Any change you will make in your daily life based upon this new knowledge?
- What reference verse stands out to you and why?
- How did this message encourage you? Why do you think that is?
- Did the message pair with your weekly bible reading in any way?
- What is a struggle you had with this message? It's content or it's application?
- What are some truths that stand out to you in this message?
  - Any life testimonies that you can think of that are good examples of these truths?
- What character/attribute of God stands out to you the most in this message and why?
  - Any specific verse that puts this attribute on display?

MESSAGE APPLIED  
(What are you going to do with what you learned?)

### Culture

- What are the lies of the world/devil that we need to be aware of that are antithetical to this message?
- What do you think the cultural animosity is towards this message if we apply it rightly?

### Church

- How do you see this message impacting the church corporately? (locally/globally)
  - What prayers would be good to pray for the church body based on this message?

Individual

- Is there a sin in your life that this message convicted you of?
  - Why do you think this was a blind spot in your sanctification before this message?
- How did the message address any specific life circumstance you are going through right now?
  
- Select two questions from the below list and write down your answer to them:
  - How does this message change or impact your:
    - Prayer Life?
    - Evangelism?
    - Bible Reading?
    - Christian Relationships?
    - Non-Christian relationships?
    - Parenting?
    - Role as a Husband/Wife?
    - Workplace?
- **How have you been changed by this message? What is your one memorable takeaway. If I ask you “How did God sanctify you through the preaching of this message, how would you respond?”**