

- The basin—positioned between the altar and the Tent. Used by priests for cleansing
- 1. Forgiven people need washed**
 - Flow of movement: Forgiveness⇒Cleansing⇒Entrance to God’s presence
 - a) Both forgiveness and cleansing necessary**
 - Altar deals with the guilt of sin. Basin with the pollution/stain of sin
 - Guards against the abuse of free forgiveness—‘I’m forgiven, I can live as I like’
 - Guards against misunderstanding—‘Clean up your life & maybe God will forgive’
 - Forgiveness is not enough. Cleansing is not enough. Both must be together.
 - Both need to be in the right order - the Cross then Holiness
 - The people God forgives (Justification), he changes (Sanctification).
 - b) Cleansing is a life or death issue**
 - v21 – *“they shall wash with water so that they will not die.”*
 - A stark warning to anyone who comes to Christ and thinks they can live as they like.
 - Holiness matters – *“Without holiness no-one will see the Lord”* Heb 12:14.
 - John 13:8 – *“Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”*
 - c) Continuous Cleansing is necessary**
 - On-going cleansing is necessary for fellowship with God
 - The Christian’s sin doesn’t undo the Cross, but it clouds our relationship
 - Day after day we can come, and must come for forgiveness.
 - 2. Forgiven people wash with the Word & Spirit**
 - Tabernacle points us to a better cleansing that Christ brings - an internal cleansing
 - Jesus uses his Word (John 17:17) and Spirit (Romans 1:4, 1 Peter 1:2)
 - a) You must be active in this washing**
 - v19 – *“Aaron and his sons are to wash their ...”* – We are not inactive.
 - Once we have been forgiven we are to apply God’s word to our lives to deal with the grime of sin
 - b) You must apply to all areas of your life**
 - v19 – *“... their hands and feet”* – all of life. Where we go and what we do.
 - Apply God’s word to the stains of our sin, rather than letting it flow over us
 - What stubborn stains do you need to work on?
 - Where does the muck of walking through this world need washed off?
 - c) You have the hope of total cleansing**
 - *“Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.”* Eph 5:25-27



Sunday 29th January '12

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Notices

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| Sunday | Evening meeting at Day Centre | 8pm |
| Tuesday | Bible Study - Proverbs Art of Living Study 5 @ May's | 8pm |

Spring Conference

3-5th Feb Topic: Mission in the Footsteps of Jesus. Speaker: Rev John Nicholls, Chief Executive, London City Mission. Venue: Glenada Christian Conference Centre, Newcastle. *Application forms available*

Castlewellan Holiday Conference

Forms available for this summer holiday conference - must be in by Saturday 15th February

