The Altar and the Laver

1. The Altar and the Laver are positioned together-between gate and door

Ex 30:18 Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, and his foot also of brass, to wash withal: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein. 19 For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat: 20 When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD: 21 So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations. 28 And the altar of burnt offering with all his vessels, and the laver and his foot. 31:9 And the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot, 35:16 The altar of burnt offering, with his brasen grate, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot, 39:39 The brasen altar, and his grate of brass, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot, 40:7 And thou shalt set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shalt put water therein. 30 And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash withal. Le 8:11 And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them.

1. **Altar** Sin and the sinner must die---die to sin and die to self-die daily 1Co 15:31
2. **Laver**- Mirror-constant self examination—water-constant self purification
   1. **Constant self monitoring**-self examining

Ex 38:8 And he made the laver of brass, and the foot of it of brass, of the lookingglasses of the women assembling, which assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

Ps 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

At the Altar we receive His righteousness through faith in His sacrificial death At the Laver we act according to his righteousness and wash ourselves

At the Altar He deals with our soul At the Laver we must wash our hands and our feet

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

1. **God is dealing with your need of full salvation to be free from sin**

1John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 5 But whoso **keepeth his word**, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

1Th 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Ro 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? 5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Col 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: 7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. 8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

1. **RE-examine your need to take sin seriously**

Ex 30:19 For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat: 20 When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall **wash** with water, **that they die not**; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD:

James 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 2Co 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 1Th 5:21 Prove (examine)all things; hold fast that which is good. 1Pe 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Ps 26:2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

2Co 13:5 **Examine** yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; **prove** your own selves. **Know** ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

1Co 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

Ps 51:2 Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 7 ¶ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Cleanse me Lord, Purge me Lord, Examine me Lord and **Try** me Lord

John 13:4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? 7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

1Th 2:4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but **God, which trieth our hearts**.