

According to the Pattern

Exodus 30:17-21(NIV)

¹⁷ Then the Lord said to Moses, ¹⁸ “Make a bronze basin, with its bronze stand, for washing. Place it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it. ¹⁹ Aaron and his sons are to wash their hands and feet with water from it. ²⁰ Whenever they enter the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water so that they will not die.^k Also, when they approach the altar to minister by presenting a food offering to the Lord, ²¹ they shall wash their hands and feet so that they will not die. This is to be a lasting ordinance for Aaron and his descendants for the generations to come.”

SUBJECT: ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN

- The bronze laver was positioned between the brazen altar, and the Holy place. To proceed any further the priest would have to be cleansed so that they would not die in the presence of a Holy God.

- The New Testament speaks of washing in two ways:

1. **Baptism** (Acts 22:16 - And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.)

2. **Washing of Water in the Word** (Eph. 5:25-26:

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word.

- It is the Word of God that washes us. More specifically our hands and feet cleansed from the filth of the world

around us. (The hands the represent our work, and feet that represents our walk; lifestyle)

- The question lies not so much in how do we become clean, but rather, how do we stay clean? **Psalm 119:9-11:**
“How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart, do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin again you.”
- This results in living Godly consistently. The cleansing sets you apart to God. You become sanctified. Paul identifies the sanctified in the New Testament as “saints”. (1st Cor.1:2 Amp) - *“To the church (assembly) of God which is in Corinth, to those consecrated and purified and made holy in Christ Jesus, [who are] selected and called to be saints (God’s people), together*

with all those who in any place call upon and give honor to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours...")

- Saints are believers in Christ who have experienced the washing of God's Word in their lives. We may have been liars, thieves, swindlers, alcoholics and drug addicts before we came to the door (Jesus), (1st Cor. 6:9-10): *Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

Hebrews 10:22

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.