

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning July 3, 2022
Christianity 101 Message 25 Part 4
Truths from the Tabernacle – Here I am to Worship

1. Introduction:
 - a. Taking a look back:
 - 1) We know the principle of the fence and the gate and how they were convicted of sin.
 - 2) We have seen the sin offering and the trespass offering.
 - 3) How do you respond to being forgiven?
 - a) The Burnt Offering, The Meal Offering and the Peace Offering
 - b. Taking a look ahead:
 - 1) Did you find out what it is within you that prompts/inspires/ignites you to worship the Lord?
 - 2) Worship is a chosen attitude of the mind and heart!
 - 3) We move closer to the door of the Tabernacle today!
2. The Bronze Laver: Exodus 30:17-21
 - a. Last piece of furniture in the Court of the Tabernacle.
 - 1) **“laver”** - large basin designed for ceremonial washing.
 - 2) Exodus 30:17-21 – made from bronze
 - a) Clean to worship and to serve!
3. The Laver’s Contents: Exodus 30:18-20
 - a. It is filled with water:
 - 1) Why water and not blood?
 - 2) The water within the Laver is a picture of the Word of God.
 - a) Psalms 119:9 –
 - b) John 15:3 –
 - c) Ephesians 5:25-26
 - d) Titus 3:5 –
 - e) Hebrews 10:22 –
 - 3) The water is a picture of the power and the word of God’s Word in our lives.
 - 4) Why does the Word have power?
 - a) Sanctification – ongoing process in the believer’s life –
4. The Laver’s Purpose: Exodus 29:4; 30:19
 - a. The Initial Cleansing: Exodus 29:4
 - 1) **“wash them completely”** – What does that imply?
 - a) This was done for them and not by them.
 - b) This was not repeated for this purpose.
 - 2) What does this sound like to you?
 - a) Once you have been washed completely by faith you need not be washed that way again.
 - 3) Aaron and his sons were born into the priesthood, so each believer, through the new birth is also born into the priesthood.
 - 4) But this prompts a question then, why the Laver and the washing of the hands and feet?
 - b. The Continual Cleansing:
 - 1) What did God command?
 - 2) John 13:1-11 –
 - a) Verse 6-7 – Peter is thinking in humility, but Jesus tells him –

- b) Verse 9 – Look at what Peter said this time?
 - c) Verse 10 – “He that is **washed** needeth not save to **wash** his feet, but is clean every whit, and ye are clean, but not all.”
 - d) “**washed**” – means to bathe one’s body completely
 - e) “**wash**” – speaks of those who wash their hands and feet.
- 3) Why did Jesus speak of hands and feet?
- a) Are your hands and feet clean?
5. What we don’t know, speaks very loud!
- a. Don’t miss this about the Laver:
 - 1) Was there something missing about the Laver?
 - 2) No measurements were given for the Laver. Why?
 - a) Could it be that it speaks of the unlimited provision that has been made by God for our cleansing?
 - 3) Something that is missing that we did not study today.
 - a) No directions for covering the Laver when they journeyed from camp to camp.
 - b) Could it be that the purifying Word of God is ever available and that we need it daily in our lives?
6. Today’s Take Away:
- a. Have you been washed completely by the blood of the Lamb?
 - b. Are you ready to worship?