

The Problem with “*Dirt*” (aka: *sin*)

It's dirty & you can't compartmentalize – it spreads

Adam sinned and it spread to everyone

- *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. Rom. 5:19*
- *But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Jas 1:14, 15*

Look up More 1 Cor. 15:33; Heb. 3:13; Rom. 7:11

We are as white as snow

Like white walls, dirt that once blended in now stands out

- *Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isa 1:18*

Look up More Isa. 43:25; Rev. 3:4; Rev. 19:8

We are clothed in clean garments & His righteousness

- *I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness. Isa. 61:10*

Look up More Job 29:14; Ps. 130:3, 4; Ps 132:9; Zech. 3:4; Rev. 3:5

The solution to dusty dirt

Wash in the water of the Word

- . . . even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. Eph 5:25-27

Look up More John 13:1-17; Heb 4:12; Ps. 119:9, 11

Plant good seed that will take root & help hold down the dirt

- And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Gal. 6:9, 10

Look up More Rm. 2:7; Matt. 5:16; Eph. 2:10; 2 Tim. 3:17

Remember roots take time! They're the fruit of good works watered with the water of the Word

- Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. James 5:7

Look up More Lev. 26:4; Isa. 40:31

Our Old Testament Picture

Genesis 35:1-5

Jacob deals with family drama & lots of dirt

1 – There was a problem (see Gen. 34)

New Testament Principle - Rom. 6:23

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 – God spoke with a solution – Gen. 35:1

New Testament Principle – John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

3 – Jacob / Israel obeyed – Gen. 35:2, 3

New Testament Principle – Acts 3:19

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

4 – Jacob did housecleaning at the Tree – Gen. 35:4

New Testament Principle – 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

5 – God's grace covered the situation – Gen. 35:5

New Testament Principle – Col. 2:14

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

So Let's Go to the Tree and Clean House