

"Now ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you." *John 15:3 KJV*



Our relationship with God is dependent on our relationship with His Word. Our level of obedience is directly proportional to our faith and determines the level of our fellowship with God. *Without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.* Even if God speaks to you, you will not *hear* His Voice if you do not know and believe His Word! God's Word alone keeps us righteous, clean. You cannot get clean by rubbing your skin. It requires soap and water. God's Word is both soap and water spiritually. Meditation and obedience is the *scrubbing* that rids us of sin. We cannot obey if we do not know God's Written Word by reading and meditation. You cannot be a *Christian* if you do not make God's Word the #1 priority of your life. Thirty minutes or an hour of cursory reading of your Bible every day does not constitute meditating on the Word, although that is not a bad start. A single memorized verse directing your thoughts will do more to cleanse your soul than a half hour a day of reading. What you think determines what you do. If you are not thinking about God's Word, Satan will whisper evil thoughts into your mind and the Holy Spirit cannot guide you into Truth. Evil thoughts can be any thought that is a distraction from Truth. What good thing does Satan use in your life to not *get around to* reading and meditating on the Word of God? What is taking God's place in your life? I'm quite certain that you consider it necessary or even a good thing, but how good can it be if it separates you from the Supreme Sovereign of the Universe? Satan keeps you busy-minded to distract you from the Power, Joy, and Peace of Truth. If you are too busy for God, you are too busy! You have to shower on purpose. You're not self-cleaning. As a matter of fact, if you don't bathe, people will know by your *essence.* We acquire *filth* routinely from the dust and bacteria laden environment. Soap and water cleanse these from us. Knowing God's Word is the *soap and water* of Christian life. Dirty people do not mind dirty people. Hobos do not complain about each other's stench, but they miss out on the better things of life. If we don't bathe (obey), people know by our *odor.* An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. If you do not read His Word, you will not *hear* God. If you *hear* God, you will know God, you will truly love Him.

Through God's own Word we are made clean,  
Our hearts with righteousness will gleam,  
If we will walk within His Light,  
Our life will shine with Glory bright. ~CGP

Thoughts are unspoken words. For the most part, we convey thoughts via writing and speech. God's Written Word is His letter to you. They are His thoughts. Confession is agreeing with God's Word that an action is sin and we stop doing it. Thoughts determine actions. You do what you think. Obedience to God's Word is the action of forsaking sin. You haven't forsaken sin until you obey. *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* You'll never get clean without a bath, so bathe your soul regularly in the cleansing fountain of God's Word through thinking on and obeying on God's Word. His Word will keep you clean.

*"Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." Psalms 119:11 KJV*

