

Cleansed by Water ■ what it really means

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Transcript

Well, I'd like to welcome everyone that is tuning in to watch and listen to this message. It's a great privilege and pleasure to be able to talk to you in this way. Some of you will have listened to earlier messages, more recent ones, two in particular I'm thinking about, where I felt the Lord was leading me to speak about that internal spiritual washing.

The first of those two messages I'm thinking about was entitled Washed, and the following one was Cleansed by Blood. And I'd really like to continue on with that and possibly in the next session as well. But the text of Scripture that really formed the basis for this is in John's Gospel.

If you want to turn there, since that's the name of my channel, Turn to the Scriptures, so we turn to the Scriptures and we go to John's Gospel chapter 13. I don't have time to remind you of the context, but I

think most of you are very familiar with John chapter 13. Jesus is together for the last time before Calvary with his disciples and he riseth from supper, we read in the fourth verse, and he laid aside his garments and took a towel and girded himself.

After that he poureth water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. Then cometh he to Simon Peter. And Peter said unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter.

Peter said to him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him and said, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter said to him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

Jesus said to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit, and you are clean, but not all, because he knew who would betray him. Therefore said he, You are not all clean. In the earlier two sessions, the focus was very much on the phrase, based around the phrase, He that is washed.

If you were not part of those two sessions, I encourage you to do a bit of catch up with them. He that is washed needeth not, Jesus went on, save to wash his feet. This last phrase, in fact both of them really, I should say this just to do a catch up, as a job of catching up, reminded me very, very clearly of what I was reading in the Old Testament.

In Exodus chapter 29, I'll just read one verse from there, again I won't comment on the context, but I read in the fourth verse of Exodus 29, And Aaron and his sons shalt thou bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt wash them with water. And he that is washed, said Jesus, and I see a connection there, which we pursued together, just so we know what was going on there. This was the initiation of Aaron and his sons into the priesthood, and it fell to Moses, directed by God, to perform this washing.

This was a washing that they could not perform themselves, it was not for them to do it, and all these things are tremendously significant, and we touched on that in the earlier sessions. So for these men, prior to approaching the holy presence of God in the degree that each of them would, it was necessary for them to be washed. It was a ceremonial washing, but clearly it represented a spiritual washing, which would be made possible through the redeeming work of the Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary.

And so before they could handle these holy things and these things of God, they needed to be washed. Jesus said, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me, and that again is a very stark statement, and again filled with great significance. But Jesus went on to say, as we've noticed already, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet.

Now that statement implies that there's something we have to do, which once again, before I leave reading about Moses, takes me to another verse of scripture. Let me read it to you. In Exodus chapter 30, a couple of verses, 18 through 20, where we read Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet in water from it, that has just been referred to.

In verse 20, when they go into the tabernacle of meeting, or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire unto the Lord, they shall wash with water, lest they die. Remember again, Jesus' words, save to wash his feet. So we've got both of those thoughts, which are quite distinct in Jesus'

statement, and I think those two references from Exodus really make it clear, beyond any doubt, that what God was instructing Moses to do in respect to Aaron and his sons was being done as a shadow, it was foreshadowing that which would come to pass thousands of years later, amazing, 1500 at least.

So it's all very remarkable. And we note that one distinction between those two washings, we read in Exodus, the first washing was to be done by Moses in this case, in future it would be done by the high priest. But then the priests themselves were responsible for the subsequent and repeated washings that would take place in the days and weeks and months ahead.

Each time they approached the things of God, as we read there, they would need to wash themselves, as it were superficially, with the water that was in the laver. Now, having made the reference that this implies or suggests, at least it does to me, that in this subsequent washing, which Jesus was referring to, this is a responsibility for us. And as soon as I say that, it's as though I can hear in the background a chorus of hyper-grace people, for want of any other term, who are saying, no, no, there's nothing we need to do, this is legalism, and so on.

If you can hear those kind of voices in this context, let me encourage you to do what I'm doing. I'm ignoring them. I'm very, very well aware of how the Apostle Paul speaks in the Book of Ephesians in chapter 2, and he makes it very clear that we're saved by grace and we're not saved by works of righteousness, which we have done, and so on.

There is no question about that. We're not challenging that. In fact, that takes me back just one last reference to that earlier washing.

That was a washing in which we had no part. God never asked us about it. He never told us about it.

He just instructed it to be done. He knew what it would represent in the fullness of time, and that was that. And that took us to Calvary, where we're reminded again that there God, in the person of the Lord Jesus, was doing something that he didn't ask us about.

He didn't get our advice or what we might think about it. He just did it, and he had a clear purpose, and he accomplished it. That is fully accomplished at Calvary.

It was of his doing, and there's nothing that we could possibly do to add that. But now back to ourselves. While we're not saved by works of righteousness, in order for that finished and completed work of Christ to be expressed in our lives and to be enjoyed in our lives and through our lives, there clearly are things for which I am responsible.

That's what I'm talking about, and I'll clarify that even more in a moment. I'm just thinking right now, I'm looking out of a window ahead of me here. The temperature is the highest I think it's been in history for us right now.

And as I look out of the window and the sun is blazing and the sky is clear, I can't produce sunlight, but I can choose which side of the street I walk. I can choose to walk on the sunny side of the street. I'm looking at a couple of cameras right in front of me right now, and there is no way in the world that I could produce these cameras.

But I am responsible to press a button and turn it on. And now let me tell you what it is that this doing, this activity that I'm thinking about requires. You know, you say we've got to do something.

Well, it's as simple as this. I have to yield. That's it.

I have to yield properly and fully and completely and continually to what God has made available for me, and you need to do the same thing. There's one or two of you who are listening to me who've known me for a very long time, but I don't think there's anyone here except my wife who can remember this. But for many years, I was an avid motorcyclist.

I owned a number of motorcycles at different times, and since I've referred to my wife, I used to say she was the best spoke cleaner in Liverpool. Because I like to, when I drove along the city street, I like to see the city lights sort of twinkling and the shiny spokes on my wheels. Pity me.

But let me tell you this. In fact, this is the reason I joined the police force. I liked speed and I figured I might as well do it legally.

But you know, Sheila, let me rephrase this. Let me come at it a different way. There was one thing about motorcycling I really struggled with.

I really didn't enjoy at all, and that was riding pillion. That wasn't for me at all, and I'm thinking about my brother. He's seven years younger than me, and I helped him learn how to ride a bicycle.

But I can remember, of course, many, many years later, I was visiting him in London, and by this point, he was a motorcyclist, and he wanted to take me around London on his motorcycle. And that was one of the most frightening experiences I can recall. And he knew it was.

I should probably tell you one other thing to add a bit more colour to this story, if you'll excuse me. And it's this, that when he was probably about 10 years of age, he was riding pillion with me, riding the motorcycle. And I accelerated rather too quickly from the four-way stop, and he fell off the back into the road.

And fortunately, there was no real damage done, but of course, he wasn't in a hurry to let me forget about this. And I think actually, he was getting his own back when he was taking me around London. But all that, all that to say this, that Sheila, my girlfriend for most of that time, she was a perfect pillion passenger, because she just leaned into me and relaxed.

And I made all the decisions about what was going on, and she went with me. And there lies the secret that I'm wanting to illustrate here. That which is required of you and of me, in respect to the grace of God, is that we give ourselves to, we yield ourselves to Him, fully, completely, and continually.

And that was the secret for happy motorcycling. She didn't fight me, she wasn't trying to lean the opposite way when I was leaning the right way, and so on. That's exactly what the Holy Spirit of God is seeking to teach you and to teach me, that listen, in ever deeper ways, it's an ongoing thing.

I know that from my experience, and I'm sure you can relate to what I'm saying. Now let me just try to put this into the context of washing your own feet. We're not talking about the once for all washing, that's already accomplished.

But we're talking about an action that calls for a cleansing with water. There's the title for this week. We're not talking about water baptism.

That's another subject for another occasion, and that's not my message at all today. And in any event, I never had met anyone who believed that you baptized yourself. We're talking about something we do for

ourselves that involves water.

And the scripture, which you will want to look at, I think, if you've got your Bibles, is in Ephesians, and it's in chapter 6. And you probably know it off by heart, you should do. And I'm turning to it just because that's what I'm supposed to do when I'm speaking, turn to the scriptures. I'm in chapter 6, and I'm looking down into the 26th verse.

There's a context for it, which is very important as far as what's going on here. But let me isolate this one verse for this occasion. That he, that is he, the Lord Jesus Christ, that he might sanctify and cleanse it, that is the church is bribed with the washing of water by the word.

So this is what we're talking about. We're talking about the washing, which is the product of the word. Now let's pause there for a moment, because the most obvious application of this is to our Bible.

That's understandable. And we know, and we're very, very privileged, indeed, more than words can tell, that we actually have a copy of the scriptures available to us. Well, what do we do with the scriptures? Well, we read them.

I can remember when I was a young boy, I was new to the morning service in our Christian assembly. And I'd just recently been baptized, and it felt to me now to be able to partake of the bread and wine in the morning service. That was the way it worked in our assembly.

And I remember vividly, as I was leaving the meeting room into the vestibule before going out into the street, there was one of the elders standing there, really just formally saying goodbye to the folk as they went out. As I was about to pass, there was no one else around me. And it was obvious to me, as I reflected on this, that that dear man, whose name was Peter Rose, he saw an opportunity and he grabbed it with both hands.

And he said, Fred, let me ask you a question. I wasn't sure about this, but he said, how is your Bible reading going? And I can remember my answer verbatim. I said, well, not very well, really.

And he asked me why not. And I remember saying, well, you know, I don't really feel as though I'm getting anything out of it. And his response was this.

He said, Fred, you know what a sieve is, don't you? And I said, yes. He said, well, you know, all the time there's water running through the sieve. It's keeping the sieve clean.

And he said, that's exactly how it is when you read your Bible. He said, it's keeping you clean as you read. And he said, and I'll tell you something else as well.

He said, you're actually remembering far more than you realize. And of course he was right. Absolutely right.

Years later, another elder was speaking to me and he was giving me some advice, which was good advice. He said, Fred, soak yourself in this book. In fact, his full statement was this.

He said, Fred, really get to know the Lord and soak yourself in this book. That was masterly advice he was giving me. And I've passed that on to an awful lot of people over the years.

But, you know, this exercise of reading the Scriptures calls for a degree of self-discipline. I don't think it's an unreasonable statement. I could probably approach the same topic from about three other angles, but this is how I'm looking at it right now.

It calls for a degree of self-discipline. And, you know, once again, I've had the privilege of being involved pastorally with people for decades now. And in respect to this very issue, I've heard a number of excuses, you know, that range from blaming the devil that they can't read the Bible to the, you know, the old English of the translation that they can't understand and so on.

I don't know whether you have excuses. I hope you don't. But this is what occurs to me.

If you could just imagine, I'll have to stretch my imagination a long way for this. You likely may as well. But imagine that a letter comes in the mail for you and clearly it's come from a legal office and you open it up and it's a legal document and it details instructions about a forgotten aunt who lives in Australia.

At least I had an aunt who lived in Australia. And it turns out that she's died and she's left you a hundred thousand pounds. I'll tell you one thing for sure.

You'd read that document. I don't have the slightest doubt about it. And that really gets near to home.

The real issue is what is the extent of the worth that I put upon the content of this book? If I could actually really, really believe that God has favoured me to give me this book with his words in it, for me to be able to get to know something about him and something about myself as well and something about his grace and so on. We need to read it. Amen.

I think actually, perhaps I've been speaking from my earlier days, at least I'm thinking about my early days maybe, than I've already referred to. But I think really in the majority of cases we're just too preoccupied. I keep saying busyness makes for barrenness always.

But we're just too busy, we're preoccupied and perhaps we're just lazy. Just too lazy to apply ourselves, to separate ourselves from other activities and get alone with God. And for so many professing Christians today, there's such incredible apathy about these things.

And even for those who are somewhat more serious, in so many cases it's the people with devotional readings. You know, I was keen to get another devotional book that's got a page with a text at the top and somebody's ideas about different things. They may be very worthwhile.

But there's nothing to replace this book if we believe that this is the inspired word of God that he has uniquely and sovereignly made available for us. This is where we need to turn our attention. And you know, I was jotting some notes down just a few days ago.

One little phrase has just come back to my mind as I'm talking to you and that was, it was this, that I think that real thinking is dead. If it's not dead today, it's dying. And we're such a superficial crowd, you know, and the world is like that.

And I'm sorry to say in so many cases it encroaches upon the precious things of the Christian life and the Christian disciplines are all put to one side in favour of more convenient, more attractive things that are going for us. And just one more thing on this and perhaps I'm not the one to be saying this at this point since somebody's set me up with a YouTube channel. But you know, I think that the YouTube, it's like for

people looking for sermons and teaching, Christian teaching, it's like you approach a smorgasbord of, you've got more varieties than Heinz has, more than it's 57 I'm thinking about, just all the different shades and breeds and I've not read them all.

I've not made it my business to listen to lots of other people preaching over all the stretch of my life. I feel God showed me where I must plug in and I've committed myself to that. And there's such a need to approach the scripture, this is another topic really, but to approach the scripture with anticipation that we're meeting with God and that we want him to speak to us.

And I hope at the very least I'm encouraging you to do that in a new and fresh way yourself. If there's any real action, even the action of me yielding to read or applying myself to read, I want to say this before I'm finished here and that is that God is always the Alpha and he is the Omega. He's the beginning of everything.

He puts the desire in my heart. No one wakes up one morning and says, I'm going to get to know God. It doesn't work like that.

My Bible says there's no one that seeks the Lord in that way. The Apostle Paul said that. But the Spirit of God engages with us and that again is another topic but how important it is that even when you're listening to what I'm saying to you this morning, somewhere, somewhere God is in this.

I'm not claiming that everything I'm saying is directly the word of God. I want to God it were true but somewhere, somewhere I believe in my heart that God is saying something to you and I hope as it relates to the scriptures that your inward hands as it were will grab hold of this word that I'm sharing with you and allow God to do something fresh in your heart in these days. You know, I suppose it's also true to say that with any action in which we as humans are called upon to engage, even although it appears it's for someone else's benefit, in so many cases there's an ulterior motive in some degree or other that's sort of following us in our slipstream and I think that's true with respect to all of the various disciplines that are part and parcel of the Christian life.

There's always in our slipstream some ulterior motive, something that distorts the purity of how we should be viewing the activity and how we should be pursuing it. In respect to the scriptures and reading the scriptures, right there, which is something I'm so strongly encouraging, right there there's a snurr that's in the slipstream and it's this that we conclude that if we can increase our information about the Bible or from the Bible we'll be on the right track. That's all there is to it, just to increase our information but what we're doing in so many cases we're confusing information with inspiration and I want to talk a bit more about that as we go forward and you know we can so easily come to the conclusion that knowledge of the text is knowledge of the word or to put it a different way we can conclude that reading the texts of scripture equates to and is the same thing as feeding on the word.

Remember I'm thinking of Jesus and John calls him the word, the word was manifested and he, Jesus, was said to say that unless we eat his flesh and drink his blood we have no life in us. Now am I saying that reading just anyone just picking up a Bible and reading the verses of scripture that that cleanses them or that feeds them spiritually? Well no I am not saying that and we need to get this clear I think in all of our minds and I believe that the holy scriptures that we're referring to is the inherent inspired word of God and I'm encouraging you to read it. I thank God for all the hundreds of Bible class meetings I attended in my earlier life and I can still remember the big poster type thing on the wall of the vestry in our assembly which is entitled the epochs and dispensations of scripture and all this was being sort of pumped into us in those

days.

But you know for me in my mid-20s I experienced something not because I was looking for it as I mentioned a few minutes ago because God had his eye on me and he anointed me in my inner spirit with the Holy Spirit of God. It was a baptism into the love of Jesus and it was then that I fell in love with the Bible and I fell in love with the gospel. I fell in love with the whole context and the teaching of heart purity.

I fell in love with holiness. Praise God I fell in love with the knowledge of God. It became the pursuit of my life and I've lived a lot of years since those days but you know by God's grace in my heart of hearts I've never deviated from that.

Long ago I saw it was possible to dazzle you know a carnal crowd of professing believers with my end time angle and leave them twice dead. I seized upon Charles Wesley's words, "Tis all my business here below to cry behold the Lamb." I let the others do what they need to do but for me that's where God has focused my life and has clarified beyond any doubt that that's the direction I'm to take in my ministry. All right I hope I'm bringing I am able to bring some of these things together in a moment but you know of special note to us here as I'm looking at this verse in Ephesians chapter 6 is the fact that these Ephesians who were reading this letter from Paul had never seen the Bible in their lives let alone read it or let alone studied it and of course this goes for the entire early church they had the Old Testament and we're not diminishing the Old Testament but really at best it was it's filled with all the types and shadows and symbols that are all incredibly important and so much more were introduced to God in the Old Testament I'm not diminishing that but God was doing in those days the new thing that the prophet spoke of it was happening and Calvary was now something that had taken place the blood had been shed the sacrifice had been made the blood was presented in the holiest of all in heaven itself and so on so the question is how would that statement in Ephesians 5 have an application to the people in Ephesus and for that matter how does it really have an application to you and to me and I think frankly here life's a huge issue reading the Bible I've stressed this this will be the last time I'll say it this morning reading the Bible of course is vital and it's being strongly encouraged but there's an added factor for the scriptures to become this of this word of God to become this cleansing entity this and that that unique factor is the Holy Spirit of God he the Holy Spirit must quicken the words we in one of the hymns we sing we invite the Lord to do that to to breathe again across the sacred page what we're saying there in those words is we want your Lord to make it personal quicken it do something with the mere words black on a white page here you know the Holy Spirit must quicken the truth contained there to and this is important to a responsive heart you know to highlight this and I'm very conscious that there are a couple of people listening to me maybe more than a couple who are Greek scholars and I'm certainly not a Greek scholar never even been to Bible college but I know there's a couple of words two in particular I'm thinking about that are translated into English with our word w-o-r-d and they are the words logos and rhema and evidently although they overlap at times in scripture which we will find nevertheless they each have a certain distinctives let me just tell you what I'm thinking about right now because we're told that logos is an objective word it carries through the idea of an expression of a reasoned thought whereas rhema is a more subjective word and tends to be of a more personal nature and you know there's a great illustration that we can find I can't take time to look at the scriptures in particular but I'll give you the reference it's in Isaiah chapter 7 and verse 14 and many of you know that verse where the prophet speaks about a time when a virgin is going to give birth to a child and we all know what that was all about and how that was fulfilled it was fulfilled as I go back to Luke's gospel chapter 1 and verse 38 where the angel is speaking to Mary and he shares with Mary or tells Mary what's going to happen and do you remember her response when she said be it unto me according to your

word and that's interesting because she uses the word rhema on that occasion and you know I've talked about those two verses on other occasions and I've said just just think how foolish it would have been for some virgin in Israel those many years earlier 700 years earlier or so to have read that prophetic statement by Isaiah and then naming it and claiming it which is a fairly common expression these days but it would have been ridiculous it was it was in the bible it was the word of God certainly it was but it wasn't for anyone other than a young woman called Mary she was the person that the text was referring to and what made all the difference in the world was that the angel came and brought the word of God to her and she responded in a such a wonderful way she said well then you know I don't understand that what in the world you're talking about how in the world can it be but she said be it unto me according to your rhema but God was bringing a personal word to her and applying it to her and I think you know we can do dangerous things by just plucking phrases out of the bible so it's in the bible so we're claiming it I was taught to sing every promise in the book is mine well I don't believe that anymore we need when we're reading we have to make sure we know who was speaking and to whom was the word being spoken and what was the context in which the word was spoken before we start even thinking about claiming it for ourselves having said that there are an awful lot of great promises in the bible that are made for each one of us amen do you remember how the apostle paul wrote to the to the thessalonians in first thessalonians chapter one and verse five he says to them for our gospel came not unto you in word only but also in power and in the holy ghost and in much assurance and then he continues on again he was saying the second chapter in verse 13 he said for this cause also thank we god without ceasing because when you receive the word of god which you heard of us you received it not as the word of men but as it is in truth the word of god which effectively worketh also in you that believe i hope i hope i'm making the point clearly here to you um you know a preacher can bring a lot of information very eloquently or very well crafted and eloquent eloquently presented and so on and we may be wowed by his intelligence and by his knowledge of scripture and so on but i want i dare to say this except the spirit of god is involved really nothing of significance has been said and that's that's a that's a hard thing to think about but it's definitely true and and taking that thought then and just moving on slightly i want to say that when the holy spirit of god whispers into your heart or into my heart and and and quickens the written word that i'm reading or even in the absence of having a bible when the spirit of god speaks to us it may be through um through a human voice uh of some godly life however when the spirit of god whispers his truth into our hearts it's like it's like a laser it it blazes somehow into our innermost being into our hearts this doesn't mean and i'm thinking of mary as my example it doesn't mean that i understand everything that's going on but but if i could pause long enough to just reflect on this i would know without any doubt that something supernatural has just happened somehow an inward lice has just gone on something's happened god has spoken something into my being don't understand it but i embrace it and i believe it amen and i'll tell you something when the spirit of god speaks into your heart uh he he floods the he floods the very atmosphere of that human heart with a sense of divine presence i feel this morning as though i'm touching on many other big subjects and we can't pose to talk about them very much you know think about it all this way uh imagine that you live in the east somewhere uh i don't just mean eastern canada or eastern uk or wherever you are but you know we live back in the bible days you know in that area and all the roads are dirty and dusty and you know you've been on a journey you're approaching home you feel soiled by just part and parcel of being out there in the elements in that context and so eventually you come to your door and as you get to the door a servant greets you and the servant's got a bowl and a towel and he bends down to wash your feet you've been out in the world and you know for some people the world is not just out in the in the public square or in the factory for some people the world is in their own living room i've listened to lots of stories in my time and people become soiled with what's going on what's happening but what a wonderful thing it is to be

able to retreat into the presence of god uh maybe you're alone maybe you're alone with your scriptures open right or perhaps you're listening to someone through whom you're hearing the spirit of god speaking and he's speaking into the depths of your heart and you're discerning the voice of the shepherd and here's a thing even if his word to you has a disciplinary sort of element to it if you listen carefully you'll hear him saying something like this i love you i love you this this is the wonder of the grace of god and the operation of the spirit of god amen if he's speaking to me if he's speaking to you it's because he loves you and because he wants to do something fresh in your heart and in your life and take you to a new level or your christian experiences to a new level even if you're getting on in years like me but god's still wanting to do something fresh he wants to bring freshness into your life and he'll do it by speaking his word whether again whether it's you alone on your own with no book or whether your book the precious book is open before you whether you're listening to someone who somehow is emanating the very holy life of jesus and you're hearing the words and they're coming to your heart and something's waking up something's stirred and you're excited inwardly amen you know if you if you sense that if that's your experience here's my advice to you please take it lean into him lean into him this is the secret remember sheila as a billion rider on my motorcycle lean into him because as you do his his word will be like like water it will be like the crystal flowing river that flows down the golden street he will minister to you and it will wash your heart not just your hands not just your feet not just your head it'll wash you glory to god it'll bathe you it will cleanse you it will refresh you glory to god this this is not a once in a lifetime thing it's not once or twice or ten times or a hundred times this is this is for now right now what does wesley say i can't hold out any longer he said no i yield i yield will you do that beloved amen will you say with peter lord not just my feet but also my hands and my head or perhaps today we're saying lord not just my feet not just my hands not just my head my heart lord my inner man speak into my heart that living word uh jesus would say now you are washed by the word that i have spoken unto you i pray to god that you've heard him by his holy spirit this morning speaking to you his word is a cleansing word embrace it lean into it amen amen let me just pray for you father we look to you as we've said and as we know so well everything starts with you lord and everything that gets done is because of you and for you and by you lord and we also know lord your word says that you'll finish whatever you have started and we praise you for that father you know what you have said to precious souls this morning and i pray father that by your holy spirit you will find them yielding you'll find them leaning into you lord you'll find them drinking your word down into the depths of their inner being and will you do it for jesus sake yes amen amen before i go please just just a couple of words i hate to change the tone don't forget anything you've heard but if you find this ministry to be a blessing in this strange sort of remote way in which we meet please go to the channel that's called turn to the scriptures with fred tomlinson and if you haven't done it click that subscribe button there's a reason for that we'll talk about that in another occasion and i want to tell you whoever you are your comments they they're a blessing to my heart and to some of my colleagues hearts as they read them as well it's so true and and maybe consider sending a link or contacting some of your friends let's get others involved in this shall we god's doing something you know let's be like those lepers who say we it's a bad day if we keep this to ourselves make it known invite other people and join me next week god bless you

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