

The realization of sin in our heart hurts

“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.” 1 Corinthians 10:13

God’s love fills the voids

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”
1 John 4:10

A consuming fire that will bring forth a product more precious than the purest gold.

“I counsel you to buy gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock.” Revelation 3:18,19a

I am resting on Jesus

*“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”* Isaiah 55:9

My cup & saucer is getting washed with the right water

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters” Isaiah 55:1a

It’s All About A Dirty Cup & Saucer

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*“...You clean the outside of the cup and dish,
but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.
First clean the inside of the cup and dish,
and then the outside also will be clean.”* Matthew 23:25

Introduction:

Thirst can lead us to wells of different waters.

Seeking God:

“Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.” Matthew 7: 7,8

“Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.”
Psalm 105:4

“Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.” Psalm 119:2

Beginning of Change:

Outside acts are getting cleaned up

“Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.”
Psalm 119:18

“Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:21,22

“But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these; anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices, and put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator” Colossians 3:8-11

Deep Change from Within:

**Scrubbing the stains from inside takes time
is painstaking and endurance is required.**

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2

“Search me, O God, and know my heart, test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting” Psalm 139:23-24

“The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out to the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.” Luke 6:45

When it is all finished, I feel like Paul.

“I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.” Romans 7:15

And so there is this struggle deep within.

“You, are controlled not be the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you.” Romans 8:9

**Then why am I anxious, not at peace, frustrated,
and worried?**

“If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.” John 7:37

**The unmet desires of my heart needed to be quenched.
My hope was slowly dispersing away**

“Hope deferred makes the heart sick” Proverbs 13:12a

I am beginning to sound like Job

“Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him; I will surely defend my ways to his face. Indeed, this will turn out for my deliverance, for no godless man would dare come before him! Listen carefully to my words; let your ears take in what I say. Now that I have prepared my case, I know I will be vindicated. Though I cry, “I’ve been wronged! I get no response; though I call for help there is no justice.” Job 13: 15,17,18, 19:7

**An inside look into a deceit full heart and a
A demanding spirit.**

**Like the inside of a cup. Sometimes stains are hard to get
out, sometimes it takes many washings.**

*“Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life”
Proverbs 4:23*

**What is our motivation? Is it self-seeking or it is moving
towards loving God more and loving others?**

“When He comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin” John 16:8a