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Devotional 1-25-2021

Filthy Coins. Have you ever seen coins that have been corroded? Perhaps by being wet or sitting in a damp area? I came across a bag of old, rusty, corroded coins while cleaning in the basement this past week. Talk about nasty. I couldn't even tell what kind of coins they were. And, what do you do with corroded coins? I did like most people, I asked google. Many websites suggested vinegar, baking soda, even ketchup could be used to help clean up the coins. And of course, I tried all of them. I even tried bleach mixed with the baking soda, and still nothing. Oh, some of the corrosion came off, but there is still a lot of yuck on these coins. I suppose if I would get out the steel wool and start scratching and scrubbing on them, they may come clean, but that's a lot of work!!

Then I thought, I wonder if we look like corroded coins to God? With all the nastiness of our sin, how does God even see any worth in us? Proverbs 30 explains about a generation that is pure in its own eyes. They are not washed from their filthiness. And over time, eventually they become ugly because they are defiled by sin. Sort of like my coins. God says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness" (Jer. 31:3). God sees us, not just the corrosive sin residue on our lives, He sees our hearts. He sees us worthy of taking the time to clean us up. The Lord says, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

What do you think? Do you have some corrosive residue lingering around? Just ask the Lord, he will clean us up in no time!

Let us pray: Lord, God, we come before you with all the nastiness of sin on us, and we ask that you clean us. This is not something we can do on our own Lord, we need your help! Thank you that you are faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and clean us from all impurities. In Jesus' name. Amen.

1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Isaiah 1:18, "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

Proverbs 30:12, "Those who are pure in their own eyes and yet are not cleansed of their filth."

Jeremiah 31:3, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness".

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