

## Deep Cleaning

*“If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, my Lord would not have listened. But God did listen! He paid attention to my prayer.”*

Psalm 66:18-19 (LB)

Sometimes, it's discovered in a workplace that an employee has unknowingly been a carrier of the coronavirus. Deep cleaning then becomes standard protocol. A church setting where an attender was unknowingly present with COVID 19, also was later deep-cleaned.

But there's another kind of deep cleaning that God wants to do. No, not in church buildings. (*Though it seems as if He has run us out of our church buildings!*) But rather, God wants to do deep cleaning in the lives of church members. Psalm 66 reminds us of the kind of deep cleaning that is needed, and that comes only through confession of sin. But it can lead to true joy and real happiness!

Says, Gregory R. Frizzell, in one of the best books I've read on personal holiness: “Unfortunately, in today's highly-programmed church, deep spiritual cleansing is either ignored entirely or quickly glossed over in a surface manner. As a result, God's people are largely unaware of the subtle unconfessed sins that daily quench Christ's full power in their lives. Only cleansed hearts have mighty power with God.” Then says Frizzell, “Remember, you can only be filled with God as you are willing to be emptied of yourself. If you are completely honest and thorough in your confession, God will completely cleanse and transform your life.”

During these 14 days, ask God to show you sins of *thought*, sins of *attitude*, sins of *speech*, sins of *relationships*, sins of *commission*, sins of *omission* and sins of *self-rule* and *self-reliance*. Though rather uncomfortable, let's seek God for “deep cleaning!”

- LEJ

*“Search me, O God, and know my heart today  
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray  
See if there be some wicked way in me  
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free”*

## Seeking the Hand of God

**Pray Today...** that the National Brotherhood Ministries, United Christian Women's Ministries; National Sunday School and Holiness Youth Ministries, Daughters of Esther and Deacons Ministries will experience the power and presence of God in 2020-2021 – despite the pandemic this year!