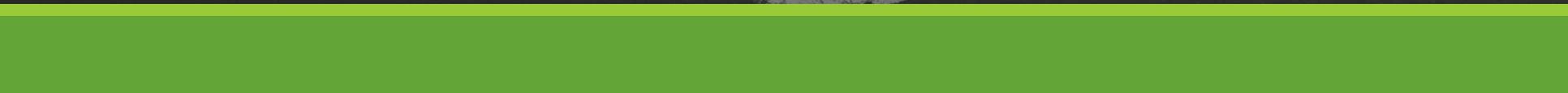


Questions and Answers

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What is the meaning of “washing of the water by the Word” in **Ephesians 5:26**?

- Context is **Ephesians 5:22-33** which gives instruction about wives and husbands.
- Immediate context is **Ephesians 5:25-27**.
 - Speaking of Christ relationship with the church.
 - Washing – cleansing.
Acts 22:16; 1 Cor. 6:11; Titus 3:5
 - Done through the word. **John 15:3**

What is your take on **Philippians 3:8-16**?

- **vv.8-11** – The value Paul placed on knowing Christ.
- **vv.12-14** – Not there yet so I keep pressing on.
- **vv.15-16** – All of us should work to have this (**vv.12-14**) attitude.
- **vv.17-18** – Look for flesh and blood examples of good Christians.

What is the difference between the soul and the spirit in **Hebrews 4:12**?

- **Soul and Spirit:**
 - Soul – (*psyche*) a person's mind, emotions, thoughts.
 - Spirit – (*pneuma*) can refer to that part of a person that belongs to the spiritual realm.
- The Hebrew writer is *not* giving us a spiritual anatomy lesson here.
- The point is seen in **Hebrews 4:13**.

What is the meaning of **Hebrews 10:26-31?**

- **Main issue of Hebrews: Will they stay faithful?**
Heb. 2:1-3; 3:12; 10:39
- **“Sinning willfully”**
 - **akin to the “high handed” sin of the Old Testament (Cf. **Num. 15:30**).**
 - **No sacrifice to atone for such sins.**
 - **In Hebrews the willful sin would be to reject the truth about Christ.**
- **“no long remains a sacrifice” – Because if you reject Jesus you’ve rejected the sacrifice.**