

LEANING INTO THIS LOVE

REMOVING OUR SIN

John 2:1 – 11

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MESSAGE NOTES

The Story:

1. A wedding took place ...
2. "They have no more wine."
3. "My time has not yet come."
4. "Do whatever He tells you."
5. "You have saved the best till now."

The Point:

Ceremonial washing, being symbolic of personal effort to be spiritually clean, is being replaced by the only thing that can actually free us. God Himself making the ultimate sacrifice, by His own blood, and pronouncing freedom from sin for those who choose to receive His Grace.

... a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. — Galatians 2:16

The blood of Jesus provides the only solution to my greatest problem. I was born into a fallen world, resigned to participate in a degenerate existence with no hope of recovery. The pain of sin and death immediately attached itself to me and put into perpetual motion the ravages of death, each day drawing me closer to my eternal demise. Even my own will, separated from God, would be owned by my greatest enemy to disseminate deceit and to seal my own fate. Apart from the redeeming power of the blood of Jesus Christ, I was doomed. But God demonstrated His own love for me in that while I was still a sinner, Christ died for me (Romans 5:8). — Kristi Winkler, sharefaith.com blogger

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" — John 1:29

... you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. — 1 Corinthians 6:11

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. — 1 John 1:8 – 9

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. — Hebrews 10:22

... have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. — Revelation 7:14

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read John 2:1 – 11
- What stood out to you from this weekend’s message at ENCOUNTER?
- How do we know that Jesus turning the water to wine at the wedding feast was a miracle?
- In your own life, have you seen or experienced something that you believe was a “miracle” or some type of direct intervention by God that became obvious to you?
- Why do you think Jesus chose a wedding as the context for his first miracle?
- What is significant about the fact that Jesus was replacing the water (for ceremonial cleansing) with the wine (a symbol of His blood).
- What is the significance of blood in this context?
- What do these verses mean for you personally: John 1:29, 1 Corinthians 6:11, 1 John 1:8 – 9, Hebrews 10:22, Revelation 7:14?
- What does John mean in v. 11 by calling the miracles of Jesus “signs”?
- In what ways is the symbolism of this first miracle an encouragement to you?