A Quick Recap

They made the relationship with God harder than it needs to be

Their teaching focuses on the wrong thing leading people astray

They are blind to their own foolish ways

While they attempt to keep the law, they miss the point of the law was Grace and Mercy

Woe #5 & 6

Matthew 23:25-28

Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean. Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

Shot to the Heart

Jesus cuts right to the heart of the matter
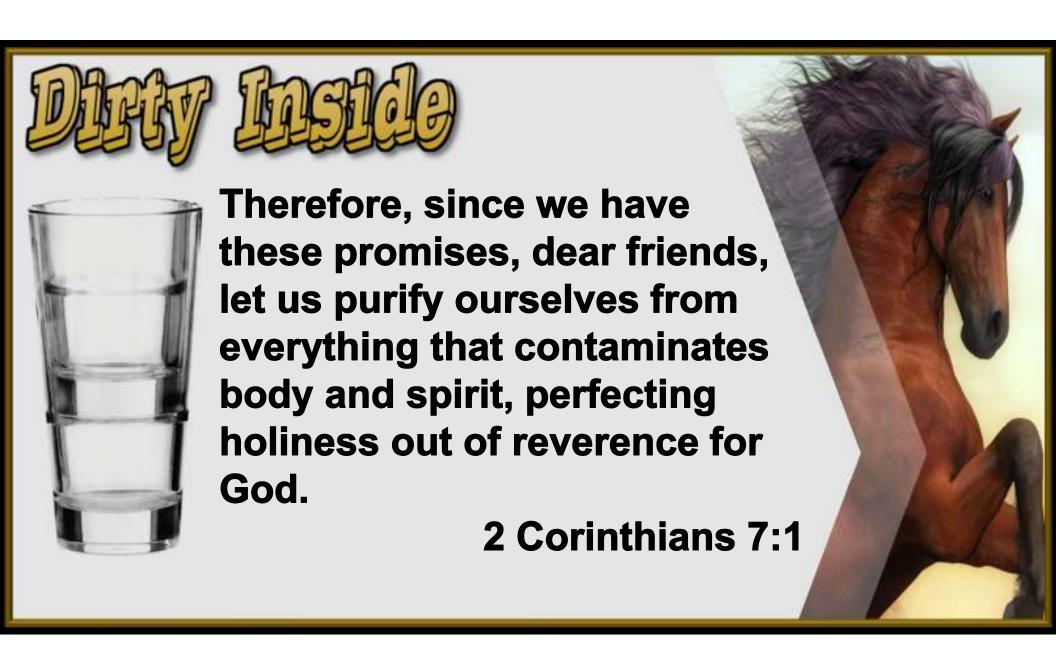
Being a Pharisee is all about appearances

It is all a mascaraed, and realistically you are the audience

Yourself

What if they saw the inside me?

Dirty Inside

The Pharisees are being accused of spiritual cup stacking

They have worked hard at cleaning up their life on display

Jesus says their inside is caked with greed and self-indulgence

Too Blind to See

Dirty Inside

Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

2 Corinthians 7:1

Dirty Inside

His words are "Let us purify"

to clear from material defilement or imperfection

to free from guilt or moral or ceremonial blemish

to free from undesirable elements

Dirty Inside

Purification is an intense and tedious process

Water is usually needed but It's not usually done with just water.

> **Sometimes it requires some heat.**
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> **Sometimes it requires some filtration.**
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> **Sometimes it requires the introduction of other things that will kill the contaminants**

Done
Over and
Over

Dirty Inside

Like Jesus, Paul reminds inside and out (Body and Spirit)

He encourages us to refine until we get EVERYTHING
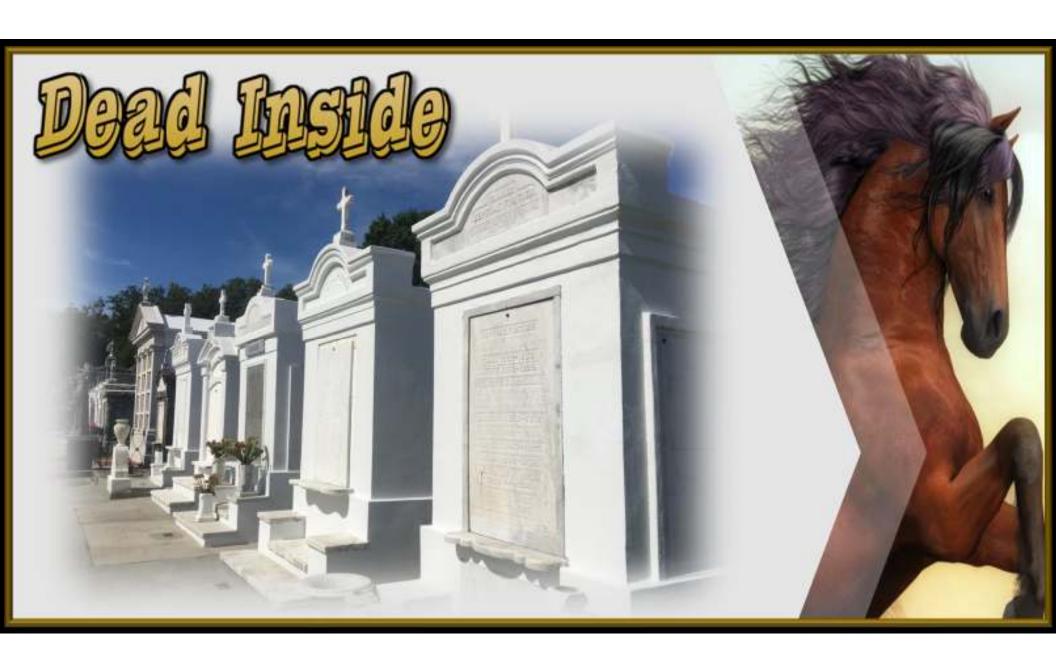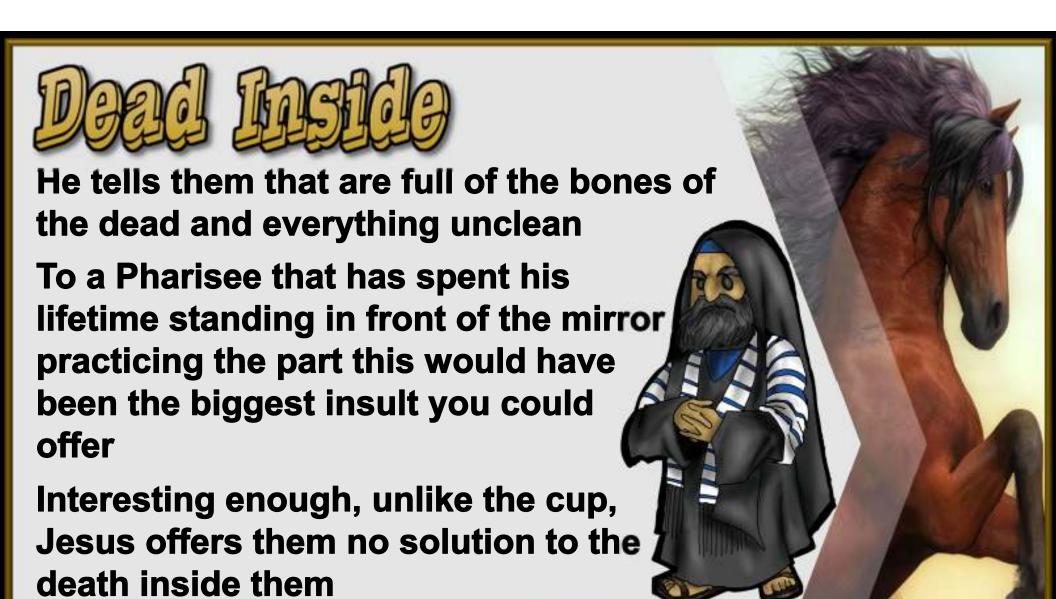
His standard: Perfecting Holiness

Santification

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Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

1 Peter 1:13-16

Dead Inside

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He tells them that are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean

To a Pharisee that has spent his lifetime standing in front of the mirror practicing the part this would have been the biggest insult you could offer

Interesting enough, unlike the cup, Jesus offers them no solution to the death inside them

Disgusting Truth

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Matthew 23:28

I See You!

On the outside it all looks good

Disgusting Truth

Your whole head is injured, your whole heart afflicted. From the sole of your foot to the top of your head there is no soundness only wounds and welts and open sores, not cleansed or bandaged or soothed with olive oil.

Isaiah 1:5-6

Disgusting Truth

That's because the inside is full of our own hypocrisy and wickedness

It's the things we hope nobody sees

It's the things we deny exist

It's our inside that needs a resurrection not our mortal bodies
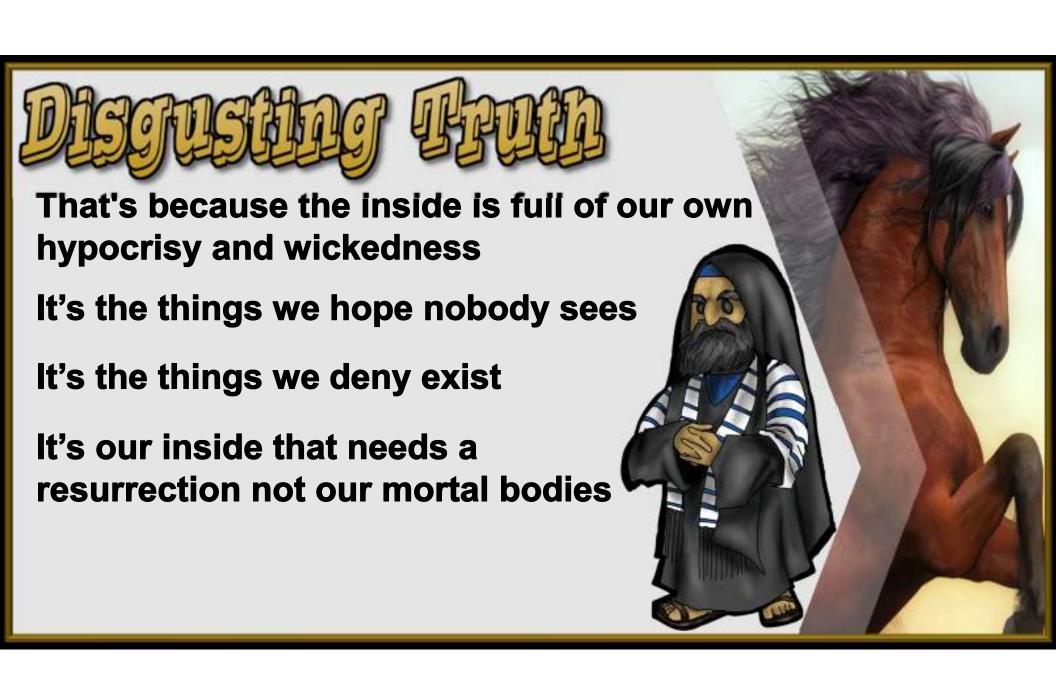
The Inside Solution

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. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land; but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Isaiah 1:18-20

Don't just clean up the outside
Let God Renovate the Inside