

Cleaning Ourselves

Our Heavenly Father calls us to be holy, just as He is holy (1 Peter 1:15-17). The apostle Paul wrote,

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Corinthians 7:1).

Recently, my wife and I were blessed with the opportunity to drive over 1,000 miles from Kyle, TX (where we live) to Branson, MO (for Polishing the Pulpit [PTP]) and then to Mission, TX (for a Hispanic lecture series). I was privileged to present two lessons in Branson and engage with hundreds of brethren in the Rio Grande Valley area, introducing them to how the School helps the church reach the world. The passage from II Corinthians was central to the lectures in Mission, TX.

During these visits, we heard powerful lessons, both in English and Spanish, about our role in this world—to be the lights God expects us to be and to purify ourselves by living holy lives. We know it is not easy, but that is the beauty of Christianity: God has blessed us with a family of faith, so we do not have to undertake this journey alone, but rather as members together of the one body of Christ (Romans 12:5). As I mentioned earlier, I was blessed to speak twice at PTP. My first lesson, titled **"In Christ, There Are No Language Barriers,"** explored how languages transformed from being a curse (Genesis 11) to a blessing (Acts 2), and how they are now crucial in spreading God's word to all nations (Matthew 28, Acts 11). My second lesson, **"Loving What We Do,"** emphasized the joy of being servants of our Lord, members of the greatest family, and being the lights this world desperately needs to see. A significant highlight of our visit to Mission, TX, was seeing the **joy on the faces of our Hispanic brethren** as they discovered the resources the School provides. These tools, long needed and now available to them, are only possible because of God's grace and your continual support. As I shared with many, we are blessed to offer these resources free of charge (though some wished to buy them) because of the generous congregations and individuals who financially support this work of the Lord.

While in Mission, TX, we reconnected with an old friend and preacher from Mexico, who told me:

"Dear brother, I am so glad you are doing this ministry. I know you are the right person to bring all of this together because of your experience and knowledge. Thank you for helping us with all these resources!"

As Rudy Cain (one of the founders of World Video Bible School) often says, this is not about me but about doing the work of the Lord and giving all glory to Him. If you have been supporting this work—whether financially, through prayers, or by encouraging and promoting—THANK YOU. If you would like to know more about the School and support us financially, please visit our website, spanishbibleschool.org, and explore what we offer. Let us strive to be holy together, as God expects us to be, and help others to cleanse themselves as we cleanse ourselves.

May God bless you and your family richly today, and always!

To Him be the glory!