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Isaiah 6:5, *“Then said I, Woe [is] me! for I am undone; because I [am] a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.”*

This time of year brings many cookouts, grilling, and other preparing of food. One will often stand over the food while it’s cooking, turning it over, checking it with a fork or perhaps a thermometer. This is done to see if the food is cooked. We don’t eat the food until it’s done. It’s not tasty and is also unhealthy to eat if undone.

Isaiah said that he was undone. He was undone because he was a man of unclean lips. This doesn’t mean that Isaiah spoke improper words, lies, or words against the LORD. He was a righteous man to be a prophet of God and to see the things he saw in Isaiah 6, but he still had sin. Isaiah was still undone. He had sin that needed to be purged.

Isaiah was mostly “done,” but he was still “undone.” No doubt the same can be said about us. We are faithfully following the LORD, yet there are parts of us that are undone. If you see food that is partially undone, you focus on that area. You might use a spatula to press that part more into the heat, etc. You focus on that part until it’s done.

Like food pressed into the heat when it’s undone, Isaiah had hot coals placed upon his lips because he was undone.

There are no doubt many parts of our lives that are undone. Just as undone food is unhealthy and can even be deadly, undone spiritual lives can cause us to lose our souls.

You can tell where food is undone by examining it. Likewise we can examine ourselves to see where we are undone. II Corinthians 13:5, *“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.”* What parts of us do we see undone when we examine ourselves? It might be our attendance. If so, we need to focus on that area to make it done. It can be our giving, studying, etc.

There are many areas in which we can be undone spiritually. By praying and focusing on these areas, we can keep these from being undone. We cannot do it without the LORD. A live coal was placed upon the lips of Isaiah by a seraph flying to him. This was done in the presence of the LORD and sent from the LORD.

The LORD likewise has sent “hot coals” to us within the pages of the Bible. By our constant studying and examining, we can see where we are undone. After the live coal was placed upon the lips of Isaiah we are told in Isaiah 6:7, *“And he laid [it] upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.”*

His sin was purged by the live coal being placed upon his lips. This represented the word of God and his submission to the LORD therefore removing the sins of Isaiah. We too will become done and purge our sins when we obey the LORD.

One might think that it sounds painful to place a live coal on the lips of Isaiah. No doubt this shows that it’s not always pleasant to purge our sins. There is pain in getting rid of things we need to, but

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# News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Rachel Riffle, Ellie Riffle, Linda Terry, Ken & Erin Davis, Larry Compton and Clay Bozarth.** Alice Vanderstoep will

be having surgery this Thursday, June 1.

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the end result makes us better. How often do we endure a few moments of pain at the hands of a doctor to make ourselves better overall. Likewise the sting of spiritual live coals is short, but makes us better.

The LORD has not asked us to touch our lips with live coals. But, this event shows how that ridding ourselves of things that make us undone is not always pleasant, but the end result is. In Revelation 10, John took the little book and ate it. It was as sweet as honey, but it made his belly bitter. Following the word of God can cause discomfort and sometimes be “hard to swallow” as John saw, but we must overcome that.

After this was done to Isaiah, we are told in Isaiah 6:8-9, “*8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here [am] I; send me. 9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.*”

Isaiah was not asked to go to the people until his sin was purged. Likewise, we cannot do the work of the LORD as long as we are undone. Even then, Isaiah was given a choice. The LORD asked who would go, and Isaiah said he would. *continued on next page...*

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Classes	15	Mark 9:28-41
Preaching	25	James 1:21 The engrafted word
Contribution	\$815.00	
Evening	8	Micah 2:1-3:12

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Classes	14	I Timothy 1:1-20
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## Bible Quiz

What shall be plowed as a field?

Last Week’s Answer—The mountains (Micah 1:4)

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Are our spiritual lives in such a condition that we can serve the LORD and teach others? Are we willing to? Let’s first purge ourselves of anything that keeps us from completely serving the LORD then go with a willing heart.

—Marty Edwards❖

## —God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)