

SOUL FOOD

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"Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
Matthew 26:41

Excerpt from off the left eye

The Day-to-Day Process of Our Salvation

It is a fixed and unchangeable law that the closer we move to the Lord, the closer the Lord moves toward us. (TCR100)

Curtis illustrates the point with containers filled with water. Divine love and wisdom is the water constantly pouring into us, but if we're filled with other types of junk, there's only so much divine influence we can absorb. We have to get rid of our inner "stuff" so all that's left inside us is pure, clean water. When we're filled with nothing but love and wisdom, we're united with God, and that's salvation.



Salvation isn't one big moment, but a **constant process** made up of acts of repentance.

Acts of repentance include any and all actions that result in our not willing, and consequently not doing, evil things that are sins against God. (TCR 510:1)

*In other words, every time we work to **remove a piece of "junk" from our inner self**, we're performing **an act of repentance**.*

Throughout the episode, we'll see this in action with the simple example of Curtis cleaning his apartment.

*In one example, **he manages to resist the temptation to trick someone** else into doing the work. Then we see **laziness averted** when he decides not to sweep dirt under the rug by remembering this number:*

When we are considering doing something evil and are forming an intention to do it, we say to ourselves, "I am thinking about this and I am intending to do it, but because it is a sin, I am not going to do it." This counteracts the enticement that hell is injecting into us and keeps it from making further inroads. (TCR 535:1)

These are minor examples of temptation, but they represent moments when we might have the urge to do something harmful with long-lasting consequences. And just because we resist temptation once doesn't mean that we can always do so. Even in the tiniest moments of daily life, we can find ourselves taking action that we regret later. It's OK if sometimes we backslide and make mistakes. The end goal is a state of joy and rest that represents another step on the road to regeneration.

We learn that the tests Curtis just went through were influenced by spiritual forces of good and evil. As Swedenborg experienced, we all have angels and evil spirits with us constantly, and they become part of the inner struggle.

Visit of Rev Todd Beiswenger *Visits and classes kept Todd busy with the visit culminating in a Holy Supper Service with some new visitors and old friends. Delicious luncheon was enjoyed by all and the children enjoyed receiving their June 19th Gifts. Thank you Todd for all that you do when you visit here!*

You make a difference to a lot of people's lives.

Logopraxis. *There is a group joining the LP community meeting before church. Thank you to Sarah for her facilitating role. Some others of us are planning to do LP online.*

Birthdays. July: Kayla, Oliver, Moira, Bernice, Genevieve, Lorna

August : Verity, Leon

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Todd is visiting again in November 16,17,18

<i>Sunday 1 July</i>	10:30 am <i>Worship and Sunday school</i>	<i>Groat Street</i>
<i>Sunday 8 July</i>	10:30 am <i>Worship and Godly Play</i>	<i>McDougall House Clydesdale Road</i>
<i>Sunday 15 July</i>	10:30 am <i>Worship and Sunday school</i>	<i>Groat Street</i>
<i>Sunday 22 July</i>	9am Logo praxis group 10:30am Worship <i>Godly Play</i>	<i>McDougall House Clydesdale Road</i>
<i>Sunday 29 July</i>	Private worship	
<i>Sunday 5 August</i>	10:30 am <i>Worship and Sunday school</i>	<i>Groat Street</i>
<i>Sunday 12 August</i>	9am Logo praxis group 10:30 am <i>Worship and Godly Play</i>	<i>McDougall House Clydesdale Road</i>
<i>Sunday 19 August</i>	10:30 am <i>Worship and Sunday school</i>	<i>Groat Street</i>
<i>Sunday 26 August</i>	9am Logo praxis group 10:30 am <i>Worship and Godly Play</i> McDougall House not available	<i>Mary's house</i>

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