

**Date: August 28, 2016**

**Message: Rotting From Within**

**Text: Matthew 15:1-28**

### **Introduction**

Your life will change if you really see your own sin and your only hope.

#### **I. Issue: Staying Clean Before God (vv. 1-9)**

*What is your view of what keeps you holy?*

#### **II. Problem: Living a Lie (vv. 10-20)**

*Washing hands, unclean heart*

#### **III. Solution: Trust in Jesus (vv. 21-31)**

*Faith and a Canaanite woman*

“... my flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”  
(Psalm 73:26)

### **Conclusion**

- What is helpful about keeping traditions?
- Why do people act as ‘lawkeepers’ when inside they are not?
- Does your heart defile you? How, exactly, in your instance?
- What is Jesus’ action, and towards who, here at the end? Why does it matter?