

"WHO WILL WASH MY HEART."

A MOTHER who wished to impress upon the heart of her little girl, early in life, that sin was an impure thing, adopted the strange custom of making the child carefully wash her mouth every time she told a lie or said a naughty word. At the same time she told her that these bad things which came out of her mouth, came from her evil heart which needed to be purified.

One day when the child had again committed a fault, and her mouth had been washed, she remained a long time sorrowful and silent. At last, with tears in her eyes, she came to her mother, and said to her: "Mamma, you have made me wash my mouth, but who will wash my heart?" Her mother then told her, that the water with which she had washed her mouth could not indeed reach her heart, and could not cleanse it from evil, but that the blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin. She added that her little girl must go to the Lord Jesus, who alone could help her, and who died to take away her sins, and that she must tell all to Him.

The little one did as her mother told her. She fell on her knees, and begged the Lord Jesus to wash away her sins, and to cleanse her heart.

She then arose, with the joy of knowing that the Lord had pardoned her. From that moment the child experienced a love for Jesus, which time but strengthened and made more real.