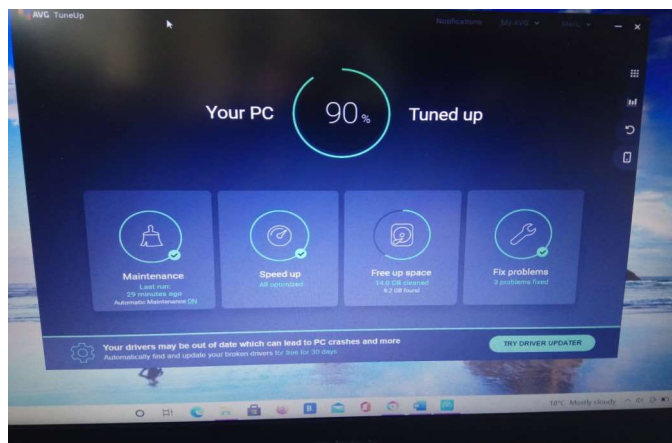




SEPTEMBER 2021 Newsletter

Refresh! !

Over the last few days, I have been quite frustrated as my laptop was doing very odd things to websites I was looking at online – for example, reformatting different parts of the Bible Gateway site, or limiting how many posts I could scroll down on Facebook. It took a while for me to remember that my new anti-virus programme has a ‘clean up’ function that has to be operated manually.



Of course, as soon as I did the clean up, which included fixing broken pathways (no, I don't know either) and looking at ‘system junk’, the laptop started to work properly. What a waste of my time and what unnecessary stress, though, that I might have saved myself.

We can be a bit like my laptop. We start to function less well than usual. We are not at ‘optimum’; perhaps we need a cleanup, for broken bits to be mended and the

junk dealt with. This month could be a good opportunity to do that.

The writer to the Hebrews says this, “²¹ We have a great priest in charge of the house of God. ²² So let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, with hearts that have been purified from a guilty conscience and with bodies washed with clean water. ²³ Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep his promise.”

We are reminded, too, that Jesus told Peter that those who were already clean only needed to wash their feet. We can become dirtied with the dust of the road as we travel through life. Jesus never berates us for this, but rather, takes off His garment and takes up the bowl and towel so He can wash us too. He won't do it by force, though, only when we come to Him.

Are you feeling like you are operating at a slower pace than usual? Are you finding unexpected halts and delays in your spiritual life? Are you tired and in need of a tune up? If so, set aside some time to spend with God, turning from normal activity to spend extra time in prayer and Bible reading. Ask God, by His Spirit, to mend you, clean you and tune you up ready to serve again.

God bless,

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