

What does the Bible Say?  
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Clean / Cleanliness — pure, innocent

A. Cleanliness used physically

Outward purity ... Matthew 23:26 ... Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

B. Cleanliness used spiritually

Men's nature ... Job 9:30,31 ... If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean; Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me.

Repentance ... Genesis 35:2 ... Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: Regeneration ...

Ezekiel 36:25 ... Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

Sanctification ... Psalm 24:3,4 ... Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

Glorification ... Revelation 19:8,14 ... And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

C. Cleanliness required of priests ... Isaiah 52:11 ... Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; goye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

D. Acceptability of worship ... Hebrew 10:22 ... Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

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E. Inward cleanliness, better than outward cleanliness ... Matthew 23:25-28 ... Jesus ...  
Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

### F. Cleansing

Promise of cleansing ... Jeremiah 33:8 ... And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against Me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.

Need of cleansing ... Psalm 51:2 ... Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Extent of cleansing ... Psalm 19:12 ... Who can understand his errors? cleanse Thou me from secret faults.

Command regarding cleansing ... 2 Corinthians 7:1 ... Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Means of cleansing ... 1 John 1:7,9 ... But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Perfection of cleansing ... Ephesians 5:26 ... That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word