



JESUS IS CLEAN



WHAT DID IT MEAN TO BE CLEAN?

"You are to be holy to me because I, the LORD, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be mine." (Leviticus 20:26)

CEREMONIALLY	SACRIFICIALLY	SPIRITUALLY
<p>The distinction between the "unclean and the clean" (Lev. 10:10) distinguished (1) Israel and other nations and (2) holy God and sinful man.</p> <p>One could become unclean by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Childbirth (Lev. 12:1-2,5)• Bodily discharges related to reproduction (Lev. 15:16-30)• Collecting the ashes of a red heifer (Num. 19:1-10)• Touching a corpse (Num. 19:11-12)• Contact with anyone unclean (Lev. 5:3)• Infectious diseases (Lev. 13:9-11)• Unusual discharges (Lev. 15:2-15)	<p>Only clean animals could be offered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ox or bull (Lev. 1:3; 3:1; 4:1-14; 16:6-11)• Ram or goat (Lev. 1:10; 3:6,12; 4:22-23, 27-35; 16:15-22)• Turtledoves or young pigeons (Lev. 1:14)• Of the clean animals, they must not have any blemish, injury, or come into any contact with the unclean (Deut. 17:1; cf. Mal. 1:14).	<p>God is holy and requires those who approach Him to be cleansed of their sin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priests offered sacrifices for their sin before sacrifices for others (Lev. 9; 16).• Priests distinguished between the holy and common and taught holiness to the people (Lev. 10).• People offered sacrifices to the Lord to make atonement for their sins and to remove their guilt (Lev. 4-5).• Sacrifices showed the seriousness of sin and the need for a permanent, inward cleansing (Ps. 49:6-8; Prov. 20:9; Isa. 64:6; Ezek. 36:25).

HOW WAS JESUS CLEAN?

"This is the kind of high priest we need: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens." (Hebrews 7:26)

CEREMONIALLY	SACRIFICIALLY	SPIRITUALLY
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pharisees observed the ceremonial laws but rejected Jesus, who could make them clean (John 5:38-40).• Jesus stated that what comes out of a person's heart defiles (Matt. 15:10-20).• Jesus, as God the Son, is holy and cannot be defiled (Isa. 48:11), even when He:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Touched a leper (Mark 1:39-42)- Touched a corpse (Luke 7:14-15; 8:54)- Was touched by a bleeding woman (Matt. 9:20-22)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29,36).• Jesus never sinned in word, thought, or deed and was the perfect, unblemished sacrifice for our sins (2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; 1 Pet. 2:24).• Jesus loved us and cleansed us from our sins with His own blood (Rev. 1:5).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have been made holy by Jesus's sacrifice, once for all time (Heb. 10:10).• Jesus's resurrection shows that the required atonement for sin was paid in full (Rom. 8:3-4).• The Holy Spirit dwells permanently within believers in Christ and gives us access to the Father (Eph. 2:17-22).

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