

The Fountain of Cleansing refers to the blood of Jesus Christ, made effective in the believer's life through baptism. Just as the waters of purification were used in the Old Testament to cleanse from ceremonial impurity, baptismal water in the New Testament signifies a spiritual cleansing from sin.

Old Testament Purification

In the Old Testament, ceremonial laws governed cleanliness. Even touching a dead body rendered a person unclean, and they had to undergo a purification ritual before entering the presence of God.

*Numbers 19:11-13 (NIV):*

"Whoever touches a human corpse will be unclean for seven days. They must purify themselves with water on the third day and on the seventh day; then they will be clean. But if they do not purify themselves on the third day, they will not be clean on the seventh day. Anyone who touches a human corpse without being purified defiles the Lord's tabernacle. That person must be cut off from Israel because they have defiled the water of purification; they are unclean, and their uncleanness remains on them."

Refusal to purify oneself also carried severe consequences:

*Numbers 19:20 (ESV):*

“If a person who is unclean does not purify himself, he shall be cut off from the assembly, because he has defiled the sanctuary of the Lord. The water of purification has not been sprinkled on him, and he remains unclean.”

These Old Testament laws were symbolic, pointing forward to the ultimate cleansing through Jesus Christ.

New Testament Cleansing

In the New Testament, all who have not surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ—unsaved people—are unclean before God. Sin separates humanity from God, making worship or approach unacceptable in their current state.

*Ezekiel 14:3-4 (NASB):*

“Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts and put wicked stumbling blocks before their faces. Should I

be consulted by them? Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: Each of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart and puts wicked stumbling blocks before his face and comes to a prophet—I the Lord will answer him according to the multitude of his idols.'

Because of sin, humans cannot draw near to God or offer acceptable worship.

*Deuteronomy 23:18 (KJV):*

"Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the Lord thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the Lord thy God."

Sin is what defiles.

*Mark 7:21-23 (ESV):*

"For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride,

foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Sin, therefore, is the source of uncleanness. People living in sin—even outwardly religious ones—cannot approach God. Their prayers may go unanswered because their hearts are defiled.

*Isaiah 59:1-3 (NIV):*

“Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue mutters wickedness.”

The Cleansing Power of Jesus' Blood

While Old Testament purification required ceremonial washing, New Testament cleansing is spiritual and eternal. It is accomplished through the blood of Jesus and symbolized by baptism.

*Romans 6:3-4 (NIV):*

“Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

Through baptism, outwardly one is immersed in water, but spiritually one enters the fountain of Jesus’ blood, which removes all sin.

*Acts 2:38 (KJV):*

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

Baptism and repentance together signify:

1. Repentance: A heartfelt turning from sin, acknowledging wrongdoing, and committing to obedience.
2. Baptism by immersion: Full immersion in water represents burial with Christ and cleansing by His blood.

Practical Steps to Enter the Fountain

- Repent: Confess your sins and decide to turn from them. This is like removing all clothing before entering a cleansing pool—symbolic of humility and surrender.
- Be baptized: Seek proper baptism through full immersion in water, in the name of Jesus Christ, in accordance with Scripture (John 3:23; Acts 2:38).

When this is done, all sins are washed away, and one is no longer unclean before God.

*1 Thessalonians 4:7 (ESV):*

“For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.”

*Hebrews 10:10 (NIV):*

“And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”

Call to Action

Have you entered the Fountain of Cleansing today? Are your sins washed away? If not, what are you waiting for? Repent now and pray:

*“Lord Jesus, I come before You as a sinner. I renounce all my sins. Please forgive me and accept me according to Your Word. Help me to live a holy life and to know You all the days of my life. Amen.”*

Seek proper baptism immediately. If you need guidance, contact +255789001312 to be directed to a place where you can receive this life-transforming baptism.

God bless you abundantly.

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- Clear theological explanations (Old vs. New Testament cleansing)
- Scriptural cross-references from multiple major Bible versions
- Contextual interpretation of baptism and repentance
- Practical steps for spiritual application

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