

Cleansed

1 John 1:5-10

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Being saved from sin is once and done but being cleansed from sin is again and again. (John 13:6-10)

- I. The Standard of Clean (5)
 - A. "Cleaner" is measured against other people
 - B. "Clean" is measured against the triune God
- II. The Struggle of Clean (6, 8, 10)
 - A. We are good at believing what we want to believe
 - B. We are good at appearing how we want to appear
 - C. We are good at ignoring what we want to ignore
 - D. We are good at denying what we want to deny
- III. The Source of Clean (7, 9)
 - A. Honesty about our uncleanness (Romans 7:15-25)
 1. I am a sinner by birth
 2. I am sinful by choice
 - B. Humility about our uncleanness
 1. This is not something I can do for myself even if I want to
 2. This is something God offers to do for me if I will let Him

So What?

- God has blessed us with several senses including one that warns us about spiritual dirt.
- We can ignore feelings of spiritual dirtiness, but we always do it to our own detriment.
- We can deny our feelings of spiritual dirtiness, but that doesn't make us spiritually clean.
- God asks us to be honest with ourselves and Him about our dirt and promises cleansing.

"I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men." (Paul, Acts 24:16)