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2013 Basic Doctrines (20) **(Purification / Cleansing)**

The writer of Hebrews begins the book by **listing SIX ways** Jesus Christ is superior to angels in His humanity.

(Heb. 1:1-2) “**God**, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, **in these last days** has spoken to us in **His Son** (incarnation)

Long ago

1. Whom He appointed heir of all things,
2. Through whom also He made the world.

Last days

3. He is radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature,
4. And He upholds all things by the word of His power (Col.1:15-20).
5. When He made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
6. Having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.”

Notice God’s message of the last days to the world – “**His Son**, Jesus Christ, made purification of sins and sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

This lesson will study <u>three aspects</u> of the doctrine of Purification / Cleansing.

- 1. Purification (katharismos) is the act of cleansing (katharizo) anything declared by the Word of God as unclean (akathartos).**

Under the Old Covenant, there were four categories of uncleanness in Levitical Law: certain foods, woman-motherhood, diseases, and death (Lev.11-15) (Codex III) [Shadow Christology].

Purification resulted in being declared Clean that resulted in restoration to Holiness status (Mark 1:40-45) [Healing a leper]

(Mark 1:44) “But go to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a testimony to them; (Lev.14) [Old Covenant]

Once a Levitical priest declared a person unclean, the person had to make a sacrificial offering of shadow Christology (Lev.14:1-32) [Sacrificial offering of cleansing of leprosy].

(Lev.14:31-32) “He shall offer what he can afford the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering, together with the grain offering. So the priest shall make atonement before the Lord on behalf of the one to be cleansed. This is the law for him in whom there is an infection of leprosy, whose means are limited for his cleansing.”

(Heb.9:22) “And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.” (Heb.8-10)

2. By the time of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, Pharisaical legalism had removed the theology of Shadow Christology from purification. They replaced it with a theology of works for restoration to holiness status called the Tradition of Elders (Mark 7:1-13)

(Mark 7:8) “Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men. “

(Mark 7:13) “Thus invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that.” (2 Tim.3:5)

Jesus referred to them as spiritually blind guides (Matt.23:13-39) [Seven Woes].

(Matt.23:28) “Even so you too outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.”

(Mark 7:15) “There is nothing outside a man which going into him can defile him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile (koinoo) the man.” (Mark 7:14-23)

(Mark 7:21-23) “For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornication, thefts, murders, adulterers, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.”

3. Under Historical Christology of the New Covenant, God required the covenant blood of His son, Jesus Christ, for the purification for the cleansing from Adam’s Original Sin (AOS).

(Heb.1:3b) “When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.” (Heb.10:12)

(Heb.9:18) “Therefore even the first covenant was not inaugurated without blood.”

(Heb.9:14) “How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Heb.9:15)

(Titus 2:14) “Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.”

(Acts 15:9) “And He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith.”