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The Lord puts a special honour upon baptism, and it would be ill for us to neglect that which he so evidently esteems. Do not make any mistake, and imagine that immersion in water can wash away sin; but do remember that if the Lord puts this outward profession side by side with the washing away of sins it is not a trifling matter.

— C. H. Spurgeon

# Cleansing Through Christ

## Scripture for Meditation

*Ezekiel 36:25–27*

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I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

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## **Hymn of Righteousness**

### *Not in Me*

No list of sins I have not done,  
No list of virtues I pursue,  
No list of those I am not like  
Can earn myself a place with You.  
O God, be merciful to me;  
I am a sinner through and through!  
My only hope of righteousness  
Is not in me, but only You.

No humble dress, no fervent prayer,  
No lifted hands, no tearful song,  
No recitation of the truth  
Can justify a single wrong.  
My righteousness is Jesus' life,  
My debt was paid by Jesus' death,  
My weary load was borne by Him  
And He alone can give me rest.

No separation from the world,  
No work I do, no gift I give  
Can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my hands;  
I cannot cause my soul to live.  
But Jesus died and rose again;  
The power of death is overthrown!  
My God is merciful to me  
And merciful in Christ alone.

*Tag:*

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And He alone can give me rest.*

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## **Offertory Hymn of Cleansing**

### *The Cleansing Wave*

Oh, now I see the cleansing wave!  
The fountain deep and wide;  
Jesus, my Lord, mighty to save,  
Points to His wounded side.

#### *Refrain:*

*The cleansing stream I see! I see!  
I plunge, and oh, it cleanseth me!  
Oh, praise the Lord! It cleanseth me!  
It cleanseth me—yes, cleanseth me.*

I rise to walk in Heav'n's own light,  
Above the world and sin,  
With heart made pure and garments white,  
And Christ enthroned within.

Amazing grace! 'tis Heav'n below  
To feel the blood applied,  
And Jesus, only Jesus know,  
My Jesus crucified.

Phoebe W. Palmer, 1807-1874

## **Prayer of Blessing**

### **Responsive Reading**

*Romans 6:1–5; Galatians 3:27*

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

**By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?**

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

**For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. .**

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For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

## **Prayer of Corporate Confession**

### **Silence for Personal Confession**

Take a moment for self-reflection, and talk with God quietly about your sin and your need for a Savior.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

*1 John 1:9*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Response:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn of Pardon**

Jerusalem, my happy home,  
When shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end?  
Thy joys when shall I see?

My claim to Zion is all of grace;  
The King bids: "Come, reside."  
His death for me secured my place,  
By faith now justified.

Redemption! – theme of Zion's song,  
The Son, his life he gave,  
At such great cost he brought me home,  
And all my sins forgave.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,  
God grant that I may see  
Thine endless joy, and of the same  
Partaker ever be!

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\*Children may leave during this song.

## **Ministry of the Word**

## Hymn of Washing

*Nothing but the Blood of Jesus*

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Refrain:*

*Oh! precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon, this I see,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing this my plea,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

## Testimonies

### Confession of Faith and Ordinance of Baptism

#### *1689 Baptist Confession of Faith*

**Baptism is an ordinance of the New Testament, ordained by Jesus Christ, to be unto the party baptized, a sign of his fellowship with him, in his death and resurrection; of his being engrafted into him; of remission of sins; and of giving up into God, through Jesus Christ, to live and walk in newness of life.**

### Hymn of Baptism

#### *And Can It Be*

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain—  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.



No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
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And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

## **Ordinance of Baptism**

### **Hymn of Resurrection**

*Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed*

How can it be, the One who died  
Has borne our sin through sacrifice  
To conquer every sting of death  
Sing, sing hallelujah!

For joy awakes as dawning light  
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes  
Alive He stands, their friend and king  
Christ, Christ, He is risen!

*Chorus:*

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!*

*Oh, sing hallelujah*

*Join the chorus sing with the redeemed*

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!*

Where doubt and darkness once had been  
They saw Him and their hearts believed

But blessed are those who have not seen  
Yet, sing hallelujah!

Once bound by fear now bold in faith  
They preached the truth and power of grace  
And pouring out their lives they gained  
Life, life everlasting.

*Chorus*

The power that raised Him from the grave  
Now works in us to powerfully save  
He frees our hearts to live His grace  
Go tell of His goodness.

*Chorus*

He's alive, He's alive!  
Heaven's gates are opened wide  
He's alive, He's alive!  
Now in heaven glorified  
He's alive, He's alive!  
Heaven's gates are opened wide  
He's alive, He's alive!  
Now in heaven glorified!

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## **Sunday Service Times**

9:15 am          Corporate Prayer Service

10:30 am        Corporate Worship Service

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**Emmanuel Bible Church** is a community of believers committed to glorifying God by applying the Gospel to every area of life and to making disciples who will love God with all their hearts and their neighbors as themselves.

We are thrilled to be a part of what God is doing in the Upstate. Few things are as exciting as seeing lives and relationships changed through the clear teaching of God's Word. After all, we are made expressly to be in a relationship with Him and to recognize Jesus as our Lord and Savior. At Emmanuel we strive to bring God glory through singing and praying together, hearing His Word preached, loving Him, and loving one another.

We would be delighted to have an opportunity to meet you. We are here to help and encourage you through the teaching of God's Word and through biblical fellowship.

—*Brad Baugham, teaching pastor*

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