

## CLEAN Word Study NT (11-22-21)

### A. Adjective.

**katharos (NT:2513)**, "free from impure admixture, without blemish, spotless," is used (a) physically, e. g., Matt 23:26; 27:59; John 13:10 (where the Lord, speaking figuratively, teaches that one who has been entirely "cleansed," needs not radical renewal, but only to be "cleansed" from every sin into which he may fall); 15:3; 10:22; 15:6; 19:8,14; 21:18,21; (b) in a Levitical sense, Rom 14:20; Titus 1:15, "pure"; (c) ethically, with the significance free from corrupt desire, from guilt, Matt 5:8; John 13:10-11; Acts 20:26; 1 Tim 1:5; 3:9; 2 Tim 1:3; 2:22; Titus 1:15; James 1:27; blameless, innocent (a rare meaning for this word), Acts 18:6; (d) in a combined Levitical and ethical sense ceremonially, Luke 11:41, "all things are clean unto you." See CLEAR, C, Note (2), PURE.

27 NT occurrences, 8 in Gospels in 6 usage events

### Listed in order of occurrence based on "Harmony of the Gospels" (A.T. Robertson)

- 1. Pg 71 Matt 5:8** Blessed are the **pure** in heart: for they shall see God. KJV
- 2. pg 142 Luke 11:39-41** And the Lord said unto him, Now **do** ye Pharisees **make clean** the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness. 40 Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also? 41 But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are **clean** unto you. KJV
- 3. pg 185 Matt 23:26** Thou blind Pharisee, **cleanse** first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be **clean** also. KJV
- 4. pg 199 John 13:9-11** Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. 10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is **clean** every whit: and ye are **clean**, but not all. 11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all **clean**. KJV
- 5. pg 206 John 15:3** Now ye are **clean** through the word which I have spoken unto you. KJV
- 6. pg 236 Matt 27:59** And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it **in a clean** linen cloth, KJV

### OTHER NT OCCURRENCES

**Acts 18:6** And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am **clean**: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles. KJV

**Acts 20:26** Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am **pure** from the blood of all men. KJV

**Rom 14:20** For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are **pure**; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence. KJV

**1 Tim 1:5** Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a **pure** heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: KJV

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**1 Tim 3:8-9** Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; 9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a **pure** conscience. KJV

**2 Tim 1:3** I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with **pure** conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; KJV

**2 Tim 2:22** Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a **pure** heart. KJV

**Titus 1:15** Unto the **pure** all things are **pure**: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing **pure**; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. KJV

**Heb 10:22** Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed **with pure** water. KJV

**James 1:27** **Pure** religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. KJV

**1 Peter 1:22** Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a **pure** heart fervently: KJV

**Rev 15:6** And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in **pure** and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. KJV

**Rev 19:8** And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, **clean** and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. KJV

**Rev 19:14** And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and **clean**. KJV

**Rev 21:18** And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was **pure** gold, like unto **clear** glass. KJV

**Rev 21:21** And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was **pure** gold, as it were transparent glass. KJV

### **B. Verbs.**

**1. katharizo (NT:2511)**, akin to A, signifies (1) "to make clean, to cleanse" (a) from physical stains and dirt, as in the case of utensils, Matt 23:25 (figuratively in verse 26); from disease, as of leprosy, Matt 8:2; (b) in a moral sense, from the defilement of sin, Acts 15:9; 2 Cor 7:1; Heb 9:14; James 4:8, "cleanse" from the guilt of sin, Eph 5:26; 1 John 1:7; (2) "to pronounce clean in a Levitical sense," Mark 7:19, RV; Acts 10:15; 11:9; "to consecrate by cleansings," Heb 9:22,23; 10:2. See PURGE, PURIFY.

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31 NT OCCURRENCES, 18 in gospels - 8 usage events (BTW - 0 in John)

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**1. Pg 56 Luke 4:27** And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them **was cleansed**, saving Naaman the Syrian. KJV

**2. Pg 61 Matt 8:2-3** And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, **thou** canst **make** me **clean**. **3** And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; **be thou clean**. And immediately his leprosy **was cleansed**. KJV

**2. pg 61 Mark 1:40-42** And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst **make** me **clean**. **41** And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; **be thou clean**. **42** And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and **he was cleansed**. KJV

**2. Pg 61 Luke 5:12-13** And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst **make** me **clean**. **13** And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: **be thou clean**. And immediately the leprosy departed from him. KJV

**3. Pg 80 Matt 11:5** The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers **are cleansed**, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. KJV

**3. Pg 80 Luke 7:22** Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers **are cleansed**, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. KJV

**4. Pg 99 Matt 10:8** Heal the sick, **cleanse** the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. KJV

**5. Pg 112 Mark 7:19** Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, **purging** all meats? KJV (ODD – NIV INCLUDES AN ELABORATION ABOUT ALL FOODS BEING CLEAN – [Mark 7:19 The AV does not make clear what is meant by the phrase, purging all meats. The best explanation is that it should be connected with he saith (v. 18). Jesus, by his explanation in Mark 7:18-19, declared all food to be 'clean.' He set aside the Levitical distinction between the clean and unclean (cf. Acts 10:14-15). (from The Wycliffe Bible Commentary, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 1962 by Moody Press)])

**6. Pg 142 Luke 11:39** And the Lord said unto him, Now **do** ye Pharisees **make clean** the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness. KJV

**7. Pg 158 Luke 17:14-17** And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, **they were cleansed**. **15** And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, **16** And fell down on his face at his

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feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. 17 And Jesus answering said, **Were there** not ten **cleansed**? but where are the nine? KJV

**8. Pg 185 Matt 23:25-26** Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for **ye make clean** the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. 26 Thou blind Pharisee, **cleanse** first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be **clean** also. KJV

### OTHER NT OCCURRENCES

**Acts 10:15** And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God **hath cleansed**, that call not thou common. KJV

**Acts 11:9** But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God **hath cleansed**, that call not thou common. KJV

**Acts 15:9** And put no difference between us and them, **purifying** their hearts by faith. KJV

**2 Cor 7:1** Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, **let us cleanse** ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. KJV

**Eph 5:26** That he might sanctify and **cleanse** it with the washing of water by the word, KJV

**Titus 2:14** Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and **purify** unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. KJV

**Heb 9:14** How much more **shall** the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge** your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? KJV

**Heb 9:22-23** And almost all things **are** by the law **purged** with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. 23 It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens **should be purified** with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. KJV

**Heb 10:2** For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once **purged** should have had no more conscience of sins. KJV

**James 4:8** Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. **Cleanse** your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. KJV

**1 John 1:7-9** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son **cleanseth** us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and **to cleanse** us from all unrighteousness. KJV

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2. diakatharizo (NT:1245), "to cleanse thoroughly," is used in Matt 3:12, RV. Note: For kathairo, John 15:2, RV, see PURGE, No. 1. For diakathairo, Luke 3:17, RV, see PURGE, No. 3.

2 NT OCCURRENCES, BOTH IN GOSPELS, 1 USAGE EVENT

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1. pg 44 Matt 3:12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. KJV

1. pg 44 Luke 3:17 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable. KJV

NOTE: JOHN THE BAPTIST SAYS THIS – AND THIS APPEARS TO BE THE FIRST NT MENTION OF JESUS' CLEANSING MINISTRY

### C. Nouns.

1. katharismos (NT:2512), akin to A, denotes "cleansing," (a) both the action and its results, in the Levitical sense, Mark 1:44; Luke 2:22, "purification"; 5:14, "cleansing"; John 2:6; 3:25, "purifying"; (b) in the moral sense, from sins, Heb 1:3; 2 Peter 1:9, RV, "cleansing. See PURGE, PURIFICATION, PURIFYING.

7 NT OCCURRENCES, 5 IN GOSPELS – 4 USAGE EVENTS (0 IN MATT.)

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1. Pg 37 Luke 2:22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; KJV

2. pg 49 John 2:6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. KJV

3. Pg 52 John 3:25 Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying. KJV

4. Pg 61 Mark 1:44 And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. KJV

4. Pg 61 Luke 5:14 And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. KJV

### OTHER NT OCCURRENCES

Heb 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; KJV

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2 Peter 1:8-9 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that **he was purged** from his old sins. KJV

2. katharotes (NT:2514), akin to B, "cleanness, purity," is used in the Levitical sense in Heb 9:13, RV, "cleanness." See PURIFY.

1 NT OCCURRENCE, IN HEBREWS

Heb 9:12-14 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. 13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the **purifying** of the flesh: 14 How much more **shall** the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge** your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? KJV

Note: In 2 Peter 2:18, some inferior mss. have ontos, "certainly" (KJV, "clean"), for oligos, "scarcely" (RV, "just").

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