CLEAN

CENTRAL THEME

Through the blood of Jesus, God forgives sin, cleanses the heart, restores fellowship, and calls us into holiness. Cleansing is both a gift received through Christ and a continuing transformation as we walk with Him. — 1 John 1:7–9

CLEANSED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS

The song begins with forgiveness through Christ's precious blood. Scripture connects His sacrifice with redemption and a conscience cleansed from guilt.

Ephesians 1:7 • 1 Peter 1:18–19 • Hebrews 9:14

WHITE AS SNOW — SIN AND FORGIVENESS

The image of whiteness recalls God's promise to cleanse even deeply stained sin. David's prayer asks God to wash him and create a clean heart within him.

Isaiah 1:18 • Psalm 51:2, 7, 10

A NEW COVENANT AND A NEW HEART

Cleansing is more than outward improvement. God promised forgiveness, a new heart, and a new spirit. Christ's covenant opens the way to restored fellowship with God.

Jeremiah 31:31–34 • Ezekiel 36:25–27 • Luke 22:20

MERCY THAT FREES US FROM SHAME

The song celebrates mercy and freedom. In Christ, those who turn to Him can stand forgiven, washed, and set apart rather than remaining defined by their former sins.

Romans 8:1–2 • 1 Corinthians 6:9–11 • John 8:36

THE JOY OF HOLINESS

The prayer for purification points beyond forgiveness to a changed life. Drawing near to God involves repentance, obedience, and the joy of becoming more like Christ.

James 4:8 • 2 Corinthians 7:1 • 1 Peter 1:15–16

RESTORED IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Sin disrupts fellowship, but God invites confession and restoration. His forgiveness should produce gratitude, confidence, and a desire to walk in His light.

1 John 1:5–9 • Psalm 51:12 • Hebrews 10:19–22

APPLICATION & DISCUSSION

What is the difference between being forgiven and being transformed?

Why does Scripture connect cleansing with both Christ's blood and our response of repentance?

How can we pursue holiness with joy rather than merely out of guilt?

"But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified..." — 1 Corinthians 6:11 (ESV)