

IV. The Mosaic Cleanliness code is fulfilled and abolished in Jesus Christ (Matthew 5:29; 11:4-5; Acts 15:9; Ezekiel 36:25-27; Matthew 7:14-23; Colossians 2:20-23)

Just as the sacrificial system pointed in earthly terms to our need of spiritual forgiveness for the guilt of our sin, so the cleanliness code pointed in earthly terms to our spiritual need of cleansing from the corruption of sin.



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**The Christian and the Law – Part 5:
Christ Fulfills the Mosaic Cleanliness Code
Leviticus 11:1-23**

Big idea: Understand how Jesus Christ fulfills and abolishes the Mosaic Cleanliness code

I. Cleanliness laws in OT (Leviticus 11-15)

A. Clean and Unclean Animals

1. Land Animals with split hooves that chew cud.
2. Fish with fins and scales
3. Birds—probably no birds of prey or scavengers
4. Insects—none except locusts and grasshoppers

B. Diseases and Mildew on self, clothing, home

C. Childbirth and Bodily Discharges

D. Cleansing from uncleanness through washings and animal sacrifices

II. The Cleanliness code is symbolic of holy separation from sinful corruption

A. Contact with decay and death

B. "Mixing" depicts deviating from holiness (Leviticus 19:9; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1)

- Materials, seeds, intermarriage

III. The Food laws are part of the Cleanliness code and also symbolic of holy separation from sinful corruption

Theology, not hygiene, is the reason for the provisions

~Gordon Wenham

A. Unclean animals have contact with decay and death—predators and scavengers

B. Unclean animals are deviations from creational norms in each sphere (Genesis 1:26)