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Purge it out!

Whooton wrote, "At school, we've been learning about Golden mantled Tamarin monkeys. They live in the jungle here. Scientists found out that they often eat really, really big seeds. They think the nuts purge (clean out) parasites which grow in their gut, and can make them sick or even kill them."

The sin in us is a bit like the parasites in the Tamarin monkeys. Unless it is dealt with, we will die separated from God and his love. But God has provided a way for our sin to be forgiven and us to be made clean.

Listen to God!

Hebrews 9:13-15

Verses 13 and 14 in The New Living Translation says, "Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and ashes of a young calf could cleanse people's bodies from ritual defilement. Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our hearts from deeds that lead to death so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins."

Other versions of the Bible say "purge" instead of "purify". These words describe getting rid of something that's impure or unclean. That's what the death of Jesus Christ has done for us.



Talk to God!

Thank you God that we don't have to sacrifice animals anymore.

Thank you Jesus for allowing your blood to be shed to provide the way for us to be made clean.

Some questions to answer:

What did people have to sacrifice under the old system?

From Hebrews 10:11 How often did the priests have to make sacrifices?

From Hebrews 10:10 How often does Jesus have to be sacrificed?

How can we be made clean by God?
(see I John 1:9)