Nicodemus
Born of Water, Cleansing

Isaiah 1. [NKJV]
16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil,
17 Learn to do good; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.
18 Come now, and let us reason together, Says the LORD: Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

contend earnestly for the faith
which was once for all delivered to the saints.

1. Not the only disciple with this idea of **washing**:

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God invites to know the precise arrangement of the benefits of the
relief for the sinner to serve the tabernacle.

Exodus 30:17-21 [NKJV]
17 Moreover the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
18 "You also shall make a bronze laver with its bronze base, for washing. You shall put it between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it.
19 For Aaron and his sons shall washe their hands and their feet from it.
20 When they go into the tabernacle of meeting, they shall wash with water, that they not die; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire to the LORD,
21 So they washe their hands and their feet, that they not die. It shall be a statute forever to them, even to him and his descendants throughout their generations."

Exodus 40:11-12 [NKJV]
11 You shall also anoint the laver and its base, and consecrate it.
12 Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and washe them with water.

Exodus 40:30-32 [NKJV]
30 He also placed the laver between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar, and put water there, for washing.
31 From it Moses, Aaron, and his sons washe their hands and their feet.
32 When they went into the tabernacle of meeting, and when they came near to the altar, they washe, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Cleansing with water was commanded by God as part of the rituals

Cleansing By Water

Numbers 19:9-13 [NKJV]
9 Then that man, being **clean**, shall gather the ashes of the heifer and lay them up outside the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation; it is a purification for sin.
10 And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall washe his clothes, and be unclean until the evening. This shall be a statute forever to the children of Israel, and to the stranger that sojourneth among them.
11 He that touchethe the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days.
12 He shall purify himself with the water of separation on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify himself not the third day, then on the seventh day he shall not be clean.
13 Whosoever touchethe the dead body of a man that is dead, and purifieth not himself, he defileth the tabernacle of the LORD; that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is still on him.

Numbers 19:17-19 [NKJV]
17 For an unclean person they shall take some of the ashes of the burning of the purification for sin, and running water shall be put in a vessel by a clean person.
18 And a clean person shall take hyssop and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it on the tent, on all the vessels, on the persons who were there, and on the one who touched a bone, or someone who was slain, or someone who died, or someone who was dead, or a grave.
19 The clean person shall sprinkle the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, washe his clothes, and be bathed in water, and be clean at evening.

Numbers 19:20-22 [NKJV]
20 But the man that shall be unclean, and purifieth not himself, he shall be cut off from the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he is unclean.
21 This shall be a perpetual statute to them: and the man that sprinkleth the water of separation washeth his clothes; and he that touchethe the water of separation shall be unclean until the evening.
22 And whatsoever the unclean person touchethe shall be unclean; and the soul that touchethe it shall be unclean until the evening.

Ezekiel 36:25 [NKJV]
25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

Hebrews 9:13-14 [NKJV]
13 For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of a 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?

2. Not the only disciple with this idea of **washing**:

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religion based on works:

Human-originated religious service

Colossians 2:20-23 [NKJV]
20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,
21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not;
22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?
23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

3. Not the only disciple with this idea of **washing**:

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by the commandment of men.

Matthew 15:1-9 [NKJV]
1 Then the Pharisees and scribes from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying,
2 Why do thine disciples transgress the **tradition of the elders**? for they washe not their hands when they eat bread.
3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do you also transgress the commandment of God **because of your tradition**?
4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death.
5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mayest be profited by me;
6 And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.
7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,
8 This people draweth near unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.
9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Why do Your disciples not walk **according to the tradition of the elders**?

Luke 5:33 [NKJV]
33 Then they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and also those of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink?

7 And in vain they worship Me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.

Romans 14:14 [NKJV]
14 I know and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him that esteemeth anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

Romans 14:17 [NKJV]
17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Romans 14:20 [NKJV]
20 For meat destroy not the work of God. All meat indeed is clean; but it is evil for that man who eat with offence.

Romans 14:23 [NKJV]
23 And he that doubt is damned if he eat, because he eat not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

Romans 15:1 [NKJV]
1 We then that be strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Romans 15:7 [NKJV]
7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

Romans 15:13 [NKJV]
13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Romans 15:30 [NKJV]
30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;

4. Is my righteousness sufficient to get me into heaven?

Why did Jesus ask the disciple?

Luke 18:18-27 [NKJV]
18 And a certain ruler **Nicodemus** asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?
19 Jesus said unto him, Why call thou me **Nicodemus** good? none is good, save one, that is God.
20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and mother.
21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up.
22 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lacketh thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.
23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.
24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!
25 For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.
26 And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved?
27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

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