

# Dishwasher

**Scripture:**

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)*

**Main Message:**

*We are very fortunate to live in a time of modern conveniences, but we are even more fortunate that Jesus came into the world to save us.*

**Materials List:**

(1) Dishwasher

**Song:** *What Can Wash Away My Sins?*

**Lesson:**

Of all the appliances in my kitchen, the dishwasher is the one that I simply can't live without. It is a common item in kitchens around the country, but what a luxury it would seem to our ancestors, some of whom actually had to carry water into the house, heat it up, and then wash dirty dishes by hand. Have you ever really stopped to think how fortunate we are to finish a meal and be able to put our dishes into a machine that cleans and dries them for us? More than that, the water they are washed with is hotter than any you could put your hands into. This sanitizes the dishes in a way hand washing can't.

This makes me think of the situation the Jews of the Old Testament were in. They were soiled with their sins, yet the law could not clean them. No one can say they didn't work hard. They performed yearly sacrifices for their sins, but no amount of work could take the sins away forever.

They needed something else. That "something" came in the form of Christ who would live a sinless life and then die to save them from their sins. Over 2000 years later He is still the one thing we simply cannot live without. And we don't do any of the work! When we are cleansed in the waters of baptism, a work is being done by God.

We are truly fortunate for all the luxuries we take for granted today. Let us not take for granted the love God showed us when He sent His only son to die so that we may live. So, next time you load your dishwasher, pause for a minute and thank God for all the "cleansing agents" in our lives.

**Prayer:** Thank God for sending His one and only son to die for our sins.