

THE GHUSL [ritual bathing]

a simplified step by step guide

1) The lesser ghusl


Is washing the dirt or impurity off one's body, to make an intention and to wash the whole body.

- 1 - the intention
- 2 - saying *bismillaah*
- 3 - washing off the impurities (off the private parts)
- 4 - pouring water over all of the body, and to wash the whole body
- 5 - leave the area of the ghusl and wash the feet

2) The complete ghusl

Is what is related textually from the Prophet and it contains the following matters:

- 1 - the intention
- 2 - saying *bismillaah*
- 3 - washing the hands three times
- 4 - washing off the impurities (off the private parts)
- 5 - *wudhu* (except for washing the feet)
- 6 - pouring water over the head three times down to the roots of the hairs
- 7 - it is recommended to rub the roots of the hair (with wet fingers) on the head and the beard before pouring water over it.
- 8 - pouring water over all of the body starting with the right side and rubbing the body with the hand
- 9 - leave the area of the ghusl and wash the feet



"Truly, Allaah loves those who turn to Him in repentance and loves those who purify themselves."
 [al-baqarah (2):222]

Ghusl Is Obligated For The Following Reasons:

- 1. When mani** (semen for a man and fine yellowish liquid with no eggs in it for a woman) **comes out with desire** during sleep or when one is awake. Ghusl not required if it comes out without desire such as due to cold or sickness.
- 2. When the two circumcised parts (of the male & the female) meet** even if there is no liquid released.
- 3. After mensruation and post-natal bleeding.**
- 4. When a person dies** it is obligatory to do ghusl for him.
- 5. When a non-muslim becomes a muslim or an apostate returns to Islam.**

The Legislated Ghusl:

- 1) Ghusl is obligatory for Jumu'ah
- 2) Ghusl is recommended for the one who washes the dead
- 3) Ghusl is recommended for the two 'Eeds
- 4) Ghusl is recommended for standing in 'Arafah
- 5) Ghusl is recommended for the one who intends to do Hajj or 'Umrah
- 6) Ghusl is recommended for the one who intends to enter Makkah

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