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72. Is, then, the outward washing with water itself the washing away of sins?

No, 1 for only the blood of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sin. 2

¹ Eph 5:26; 1 Pt 3:21; ² Mt 3:11; 1 Cor 6:11; 1 Pt 3:21; 1 Jn 1:7