



A BASIC GUIDE TO FIQH FOR PURIFICATION (TAHARAH, WUZU, GHUSL) AND SALAH (FIVE TIMES PRAYERS)

In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate, Praise be to Allah, Lord of all the Worlds

RITUAL BATH (GHUSL)

THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF GHUSL:

1. Obligatory (farz)
2. Necessary (wajib)
3. Sunnah (prophetic tradition)
4. Recommended (mustahab)

The Obligatory Ghusl is very important because without Ghusl one cannot:

1. Perform any Salah
2. Touch the holy Quran
3. Recite the holy Quran
4. Perform Sajdah of Tilawah
5. Perform Tawaf (circumblating) of Ka'bah
6. Enter the Mosque (any)
7. Fast during the menstrual and postnatal bleeding without performing Ghusl after they have stopped

GHUSL BECOMES OBLIGATORY IN THE FOLLOWING CASES:

1. Ejaculation of semen from both the man and woman in a state of excitement whether in sleep (wet dream) or waking.
2. Sexual intercourse even if there is no discharge.
3. At the end of menstrual and postnatal bleeding.
4. If one finds semantic fluid on clothes after waking up and does not remember the discharge in the dream of sleep still ghusl is obligatory.

GHUSL IS WAJIB (NECESSARY) IN THE FOLLOWING CASES:

1. If non-Muslim becomes embraces Islaam and knows he had been involved in any act where after ghusl was obligatory but he had not performed it.
2. To give bath to a dead body of a Muslim is commonly necessary (wajib-khifayah) on muslims.

GHUSL IS SUNNAH IN FOLLOWING CASES:

1. Ghusl for Friday prayer.

2. Ghusl for Eid prayers.
3. Ghusl before wearing ihram for hajj or Umrah.
4. Ghusl for staying in Arafat after midday (zawal).

GHUSL IS RECOMMENDATORY IN FOLLOWING CASES:

1. After one has recovered from unconsciousness.
2. For entering Makkah Mukarramah.
3. For entering Madeenah Munawarah.
4. Ghusl after cupping of blood (blood removal as treatment).
5. After washing dead body.
6. When a disbeliever becomes a muslim.
7. Ghusl after repentance (taubah).
8. Ghusl on the night of 15th Shabaan.

HOW TO PERFORM RITUAL BATH (GHUSL)

1. Make intention of Ghusl.
2. Wash both hands including wrists.
3. Wash the private parts.
4. If there is impurity or any impure discharge elsewhere on the body it should be washed.
5. Perform full wuzu.
6. Pour water over the head thrice.
7. Pour water over the right and then the left shoulder thrice.
8. Pour water over the entire body while rubbing.
9. If the hairs of a woman are pleated she is excused from loosening her pleated hair but it is obligatory for her to wet the base of each and every hair.
10. If after Ghusl one realises that a certain part has been left dry. It is sufficient to only wash the dry portion.

OBLIGATORY (FARZ) ACTS OF GHUSL

The following three things must be done in the bath for major ritual impurity, menstruation and postnatal bleeding; otherwise the person will remain ritually impure.

1. Rinsing the inside of mouth and gargling.
2. Cleaning the nostrils with water and taking water up to soft part of the nose.
3. Washing and passing water on the whole body in such a way that not a single hair or any part of the body remains dry, otherwise the Ghusl will not be valid.

SUNNAH ACTS OF GHUSL

1. Begin with the name of Allah.
2. Intention to purify yourself.
3. To wash the hands up to the wrist.
4. To wash all impurities on the body.
5. To wash the private part even if there is no impurity.
6. Perform full wuzu (ablution).
7. To wash and pass water thrice over the whole body .
8. Start pouring water from the head then to right shoulder and then to the left shoulder.
9. To rub the whole body with the hands.
10. To wash the different parts of the body in such a way that the latter is washed before the foremost dries.

MUSTAHABS OF GHUSL

All the things are mustahabs (recommended in wuzu are also Mustahab for ghusl except facing Qiblah. To recite dua at the end and it not Mustahab to drink the remaining water while standing after ghusl.

MAKROOHAAT (DISLIKED ACTS) OF GHUSL

All these things which are makrooh (disliked) in wuzu are also makrooh in ghosl and also the following:

1. To face Qiblah while naked.
2. To take bath without a need in such a place from where non muslims can see.

THINGS WHICH DOES NOT MAKE GHUSL OBLIGATORY (FARZ)

1. When a clean fluid is released from private part at the time of excitement and fore play but before emission of semen.
2. Discharge of fluid before urination.
3. To have wet dream without discharge of seminal fluid.
4. If there is no bleeding after child birth.
5. Seminal discharge without lust and excitement on account of a fall, shock or injury.
6. Having an enema (enema is a large liquid used to empty the bowls for an operation etc through the private parts).
7. Insertion of finger or any such thing into the private parts.
8. To copulate with an animal or corpse where no ejaculation takes place.