

## ***“Whiter Than Snow”***

*“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow...” (Isaiah 1:18)*

“Are you enjoying the white?” This was what one of my neighbors asked my kids and me as we were slipping and sliding on the icy, snow-covered streets a couple of weeks ago. We certainly enjoyed the white, and it sure was white. As you experienced for yourself, Winter Storm Fern can be classified as an “event. The freezing rain, ice, sleet, and snow made for quite a thick mixture that seemed to never go away...

As the white snow became the backdrop around us for a few days... I was reminded by a dear friend of what the Lord likened our cleansed and pure state as a believer to. The white snow... And there seems to be another level of whiteness to snow, especially if you look out into the pasture and see snow-covered hills, with some live oaks, prickly pear, and a few white-tailed deer standing off in the distance. Snow is wholly and completely white. And that is why the Lord God said through His amazing grace and mercy that He would take our sins that are like scarlet and make them white as snow (Isaiah 1:18).

What an image of truth the Lord gives us... As the Creator and the One who makes the snow and commands when and where it falls from the heavens (Job 37:6) and when it melts on the streets, ultimately says: “My love is so deep, beautiful, and transcendent that I can turn your blood-stained, sinful self into a pure white saint. I can take your red-stained sins and purge them and purify them to the point where they wash out completely and become pure white.”

And that is what God has done for us who place our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Like pure white snow falling from the heavens, Christ Himself, the whitest of snows, has come to blanket our dirty, ugly, wretched, and utterly sinful hearts with Himself. The Father has reasoned with us by sending His One and only Son, Jesus, to live a pure and holy life in our place. The sinless and spotless Lamb of God, Jesus, was able to make an acceptable sacrifice unto the Father on behalf of us as sinners. And it is through Jesus that we receive by faith the cleansing and majestic power of becoming pure, holy, and righteous in His sight to the point of being “white as snow.”

And so, whether you desire to see snow again this year, or whether you are ready for spring to come quickly... Enjoy this white, the eternal white of the forgiveness of sins! May the prayer of your heart be as the hymn sings:

*“Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;  
I want Thee forever to live in my soul,  
Break down every idol, cast out every foe;  
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.”*

Respect the Blood,  
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