

from wrongdoing and seek God's forgiveness.

Thanks to Jesus, we have permanent access to God's forgiveness. Jesus called Himself "the light of the world" and said whoever follows Him "will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). When we confess our sins, God forgives us and we're seen through the light of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. This means that God sees us as He sees Jesus—blameless.

We don't have to wallow in the guilt and shame of what we've done wrong. Instead, we can hold on to the truth of God's forgiveness, which makes us "white as snow."

**Heavenly Father, thank You for the forgiveness You freely offer.**

- What does it mean to be completely forgiven?
- What helps you remember that God has forgiven you?
- Since we are forgiven how should we now Live?



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## The Miracle of White Snow

*Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.*

Isaiah 1:18

In the seventeenth century, Sir Isaac Newton used a prism to study how light helps us see different colours. He found that when light passes through an object, the object appears to possess a specific colour. While a single ice crystal looks translucent, snow is made up of many ice crystals smashed together. When light passes through all of the crystals, snow

appears to be white.



The Bible mentions something else that has a certain colour—sin. Through the prophet Isaiah, God confronted the sins of the people of Judah and described their sin as "like scarlet" and as "red as crimson." But God promised they would "be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18). How? Judah needed to turn away



## ISAIAH'S INSIGHTS A DEEPER LOOK

**Hebrews 11:37** They were stoned, they were sawn in two, ...  
**Romans 13:11-14** — 11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.



In Isaiah 1 there are two urgent 'wake-up' calls:

### 1. Wake up to our \_\_\_\_\_, verses 1-2, 10-15

**Hebrews 10:29** Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, ...?

**Matthew 23:23-27** — 23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. ... 25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. ... 27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

**1 Timothy 4:2** speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,  
**Romans 12:9** — Let love be without hypocrisy. ....

**James 3:17** — But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then ... without partiality and without hypocrisy.

**1 Peter 2:1-2** — 1 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, 2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,



**Psalms 51:17** — The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.

**1 Samuel 15:22** — So Samuel said: "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.

**Micah 6:6-8** — 6 With what shall I come before the Lord, ...? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,

ings, ...? 7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, ...? ..8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8** — 4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no

evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails. ..

### 2. Wake up to our \_\_\_\_\_, verses 2-9, 21-23, 18

**Romans 1:18** — For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

**Romans 1:24-32** — 24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

**Genesis 6:3** And the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, ... "

**Matthew 24:5-8** — 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

**1 Thessalonians 5:9** — For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

**1 Thessalonians 4:17-18** — Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

