

## Whiter than Snow

**Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole,  
 I want Thee for ever to live in my soul,  
 Break down ev'ry idol, cast out ev'ry foe  
 Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow  
     Whiter than Snow, yes, whiter than snow,  
 Now wash me and I shall be whiter than Snow**

**Lord Jesus, let nothing unholy remain,  
 Apply Thine own blood and entract ev'ry stain;  
 To get this blest cleansing I all things forego  
 Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow**

**Lord Jesus, look down from Thy throne in the skies,  
 And help me to make a complete sacrifice;  
 I give up myself and whatever I know,  
 Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.**

### WHITER THAN SNOW

Isaiah 1:18-20

*"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD.*

*"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;  
 though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.*

*If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land;  
 but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword."*

*For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."*

#### 1. A Remarkable Call (1:18)

- a. Come! The appeal to the heart and will
- b. Reason! The appeal to the mind

The Gospel Invitation appeals to the whole man. The invitation is directed to the intellect, for people must be able to realize how marvelous and sensible God's appeal is. There is nothing irrational or irresponsible about God's Invitation. He is inviting all of us to come to Him, just as we are.

*MT 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

## **2. A Radical Cleansing (1:18b)**

- a. Like snow! A pristine whiteness
- b. Like wool! A processed whiteness

An unbeliever once asked a Christian, "How does blood cleanse sin?" The Christian thought for a moment. Then he asked the unbeliever a counter-question, "How does water quench thirst?" "I don't know", he answered, "But I know it does." "The same way", said the Christian, "I don't know how blood cleanses sin, but I know it does, for the Bible tells me so!"

### **1 John 1:7**

**" But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."**

## **3. A Real Consequence (1:19-20)**

- a. If! Joy set before us (1:19)
- b. But! Judgment set before us (1:20)

If you are willing to come to the Lord, repent of your sins and obey the Word of God you will enjoy the best of the land, the best that God has for you. The Lord Jesus said in Matthew 10:10,

***" The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full".***

*Hebrew 2:1-3*

*“We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?”*

The invitation is also directed to the will, “if you are willing”.

The invitation is also directed to the conscience.

People must be brought under conviction of sin. That happens as the Holy Spirit brings this passage of Scripture to bear upon our moral sense.

God has spoken to us through His Word. Now we must respond as we are willing to do so and obey His Word. God’s Word is binding. It never changes, it is powerful. It is trustworthy. It is holy and it is totally true.

**What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!**

**What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!**

**Oh, precious is the flow, That make me whole again!**

**No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus!**

**For my cleansing this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus!**

**For my pardon this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus!**

**Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus!**

**Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus!**

**This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus!**

**This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus!**