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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“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. Isaiah 1:18

Do you ever dream of being famous—a famous actor or athlete perhaps? People would admire you and ask for your autograph. And you could make their day by allowing them to take a selfie with you. As exciting as it might seem to be famous, there are downsides. One of the downsides is that so many people see your sins. You can probably think of a number of people whose fame made their sins known worldwide.

You may not be famous, but your sins are known by two important ones—you and God. You know the words you have allowed to pass over your lips. You know the thoughts you have allowed to pass through your mind. They hound you and haunt you and make you miserable. You desperately wish you could make the guilt disappear.

Thank God that there is someone who can make your guilt disappear because he has made your sin disappear. *“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. Isaiah 1:18.* He is your loving heavenly Father. Yes, he has seen your sins. The prophet Isaiah says that your sins are as bright as scarlet to the LORD. But, he loves you. And, because he loves you, he has covered your sins. The bright white, perfect life of Jesus covers your sins like a fresh snowfall covers mud and dirt.

So spend this day free from guilt. Spend this day thanking and praising God who has forgiven your sins.

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, although you have seen my many sins, I know that you have covered those sins with the perfect life of your Son, Jesus Christ. Although I can never thank you enough for this great gift, may my life this day show you how grateful I am. Amen.*

(WELS E-Devotion, adapted)

...See you in worship.

Keep looking up because the Lord is always looking down – Psalm 121

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