

White as Snow

Read Psalm 51:1-12

Psalm 51:7 *"...wash me, and I will be whiter than snow."*

Once again it is time to get out winter coats, gloves, boots, snow shovels, turn up the heat, etc. According to the calendar, winter is just around the corner. But once I decide I prefer my winter coat instead of a jacket, as far as I am concerned, winter has arrived.

Despite the cold, there is a lot about winter that I like. I enjoy ice skating or taking a walk on a deserted beach on a bright sunny day. A blazing fireplace is the perfect setting for roasting hotdogs and marshmallows and sipping hot chocolate.

Perhaps my most favorite winter activity is watching it snow, as long as I am not driving in it. I am like a little kid when it comes to the first snowfall of the season, the more the better. To me, not much can compare to the beautiful winter wonderland when everything is covered with snow.

I remember one winter when Wilbur and I decided to go to Virginia in a snowstorm. We didn't make it. After the snow had fallen a couple of feet, we got a motel room. The next day we drove around taking some of the most beautiful pictures we have.

When I see the lovely white scenery, unspoiled in any way, I think that is how God wants our hearts – completely white without spot or blemish. As we enter the Christmas season, let us remember that is why Jesus came to earth and why we celebrate Christmas so we could have a clean heart. Have you asked the Lord to *"wash you and make you whiter than snow"* as the Psalmist did?

