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Psalm 51: 5-7



Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Water

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Snow is formed when water vapor condenses around small particles of dust, pollen, or salts at temperatures below freezing. As water molecules are added to the growing ice crystal, a one-of-a-kind snowflake emerges. An object's color is determined by the light it reflects and when it reflects very little, it appears white. This is true of the snowflake. Because it absorbs most of the visible light striking its surface, it appears white to our eyes, despite the dirt tucked away in its center!

We are a lot like snowflakes. In Scripture the color white is often used to symbolize righteousness, such as in our Psalm 51:5-7 Visible Verse™. To the casual observer, most of us look good, even righteous, but looks can be deceiving! On the outside we may appear white as snow; however, the dirt of our sinful nature is tucked away inside. The reason Jesus Christ died on the cross was to pay the penalty for our sin and free us to live victoriously. When we place our faith in Jesus Christ, God cleanses us from the inside out and we are washed whiter than snow!

May you be reminded of Christ's forgiveness with every snowflake you see!

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