## "SNOW WHITE"—Isaiah 1:18-20



Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

God sent His Son to be born in a manger in the back waters of the Roman Empire

Not all snow is white—discovered red snow in Greenland

Scientists have discovered green snow and orange snow

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#### II. ISAIAH 1:18-20

"Come now, let us reason together. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

God is speaking to religious people, His people

Their life was a shallow life—God wants them to go deeper

93% of Americans own a Bible
60% of Americans claim some religious affiliation
These people were trusting in their political rulers, not the Lord, their spiritual leader

God sends the invite

"Come now," He makes the first move

God wants our consideration

God appeals to our reason instead of our emotion

The Christian faith is a reasonable faith based upon facts of history that are sustainable as well as your subjective experience of those facts

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

God appeals to our <u>volition</u>,

"If you are willing...if you refuse..."

Isaiah 1:19-20

"If you consent and obey,
You will eat the best of the land;
<sup>20</sup> "But if you refuse and rebel,
You will be devoured by the sword."
Truly, the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

If you take the offer, good things
If not, bad things

III. Christmas is about gaining what was lost in the garden

Jesus is called the **second** Adam

Christmas can be a reminder for most that there is an <a href="mailto:empty">empty</a> chair in my house

Isaiah will predict "those who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Isaiah 9:2

He would also predict the coming of the Messiah and His mission: to bear our grief and carry our sorrows (see Isaiah 53:3-4)

He was born into pain, suffering, sorrow, and loss

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn."

Matthew 5:4

You might have an <u>empty</u> chair, but heaven is fuller, and one day there will be a reunion

Life gives everyone enough suffering to wake us up to the need of a Savior

We have sorrow, but we have joy in the midst of sorrow

Give your life to Christ You can say <u>no</u>, or you can say <u>yes</u>