

Calvary Paid the Price

“Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord: “though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.” ~ Isaiah 1:18a (ESV)

Since I have been shut in, I often greet each morning looking out the window. I face east, so I can see the first light of day appear. Yes, I see the cars that run the stop sign. I hear the occasional horn. And I pray.

We were so blessed to recently have not one, but two snowfalls. I went to bed listening for the sounds of snow: the snow plows, brakes put on too quickly, etc. I’ve done this since childhood. For the first time, it was a surprise. Silence.

I looked out and the leaves, which had not been raked, were covered with snow. The grass that should have been cut was covered with snow. The cracks in the blacktop were covered with snow. Trash along the sidewalk and the roadway was covered with snow.

For just a brief time, all was tranquil. All was calm. All was pristine and white. I heard God’s reminder, “This can be your life. Give me your sins. Give me your burdens. Give me your trust. Give me your life.”

I heard Jesus say, “Don’t cling to the leaves, the grass, the trash, and the cracks. Don’t drag them with you into each day. I will take your sins. I will take your burdens. I will give you new life. I offer forgiveness. I cleanse your sins. I offer redemption. I am your future.”

Then as I gave all to Him, I opened my eyes to see His light arising over all. I have been cleansed. He assures me that He is there. He is with me.

Dear Father, thank you for your many, many promises. Let us each hear and see. Open our eyes to the beauty of life — a life where my sins are cleansed and forgotten by you. A life that will be cleansed whiter than snow. Amen.

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Let us...

So let us do all we can to live in peace.
And let us work hard to build up one another.
~ Romans 14:19 (NIRV)

The Empty Cross

One of the most cherished symbols of the Protestant church is the Easter cross – an EMPTY cross, for we worship the risen Christ who has conquered death and the evil of the world. For many, the center beam of the cross stands for man's reach upward toward God, while the crossarms remind them of the outreaching concern the Christian feels for all men.

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788



Note from the Editors

Thank you for being part of our faith community this Lenten season. We hope you grew in faith and received encouragement.

Our future plans include compiling 365 devotionals from the past 25 years into a book. If you are interested in being notified about the availability of this book, please email us at

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We will contact you to let you know when the book is coming out.

We would also be interested in new story submissions as well.

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