



<sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David **a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.** <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Luke 2:10-12

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” 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

**The true blessing of a “White Christmas” comes to those who:**

**I. Receive cleansing from the only \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Psalm 51:7*

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9*

<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:4-6

**II. Release other sinners from their \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>14</sup> For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. Matthew 6:14-15

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” Luke 23:34a

“Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” Acts 7:60b

<sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:13-14

**Next Steps:**

- Memorize Isaiah 1:18.
- Thank God for the forgiveness provided by the sending and sacrifice of Christ.
- Ask God to show you who you have yet to forgive.
- Commit to reading through the New Testament in 2012.