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Whiter Than Snow: Meditations On Sin And Mercy



Synopsis

What do you do when you've really blown it? Is sin really as dangerous and is grace really as powerful as the Bible says they are? Is there such a thing as a new beginning? Sin and grace-these are the two themes of our lives. We all blow it and we all need to start over again. In Psalm 51, David tells his story of moral failure, personal awareness, grief, confession, repentance, commitment, and hope. And because David's story is every believer's story, Psalm 51 is every believer's psalm. It tells how we, as broken sinners, can be brutally honest with God and yet stand before him without fear. *Whiter Than Snow* unpacks this powerful little psalm in fifty-two meditations, reminding readers that by God's grace there is mercy for every wrong and grace for every new beginning. Designed for busy believers, these brief and engaging meditations are made practical by the reflection questions that conclude each chapter.

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Customer Reviews

"*Whiter Than Snow* is music for the sinner's soul. In fifty-two personal, creative, and sometimes poetic devotionals, Paul Tripp responds to Psalm 51 the way a jazz musician improvises on a familiar tune. In making this sweet music, Dr. Tripp makes King David's confession our own, helping us get honest about our sin and opening our hearts to the mercy of Jesus." —Philip Graham Ryken, President, Wheaton College; author, *Loving the Way Jesus Loves* "Convicting and encouraging, cutting and healing. Paul Tripp delves into the misery of sin and the goodness of grace with insight and inspiration. This book wonderfully blessed me, and I pray for its widest

possible reading." – Daniel L. Akin, President, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

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Walking with the Lord for over 18 years, I have either read, purchased or glanced at several devotionals. Many have sat on a shelf, either through boredom or being miles over my head. This one however is next to my recliner, battered and dog-eared from being a constant in my life. The 1-2 page devotionals and the prayer & reflections keep me moving forward, in conformity, towards Christ likeness. Since buying my 1st copy, I've now bought several as it is a faithful & reliable gift for friends & graduation gifts. Dr. Tripp has a gift for pointing towards the Glory of GOD, the drag on our hearts of sin and conviction & tools to honor the Lord.

Very good read. Come into reading the book with an open mind and allow God to work in your life. I think too often, we as Christians, and I do it too, take the approach of what can God do for me and don't like this or that if things don't meet our expectations, that we miss out on the maybe small things that we don't expect that God has for us. So just use this book as a supplement to your normal prayer and study and it would be a good supplement. It's not going to fix anything in your life though, so don't expect that. That's God's job and yours to listen and steward the responsibilities you're given.

Haven't finished it yet, but I find each meditation really thought provoking. I think it is good to reflect regularly on sin, grace and redemption, and I am reading it as my lunch-time devotional. I kind of wish I bought the paperback because the devotionals suggest ideas I would like to notate on the page, something I prefer in ink on paper over the digital kind in Kindle.

This book is 52 small chapters (most are 3 pages) from an author who has obviously spent a lot of time thinking about this psalm and his position before God. Its introspective nature is reflective of what comes to the mind of a man when he understands his depravity and is unable to change unless God supernaturally changes his heart. The 51st Psalm is David's prayers of repentance and

want of God's mercy for his sinful nature, the author here goes after the same aspects of sin in our lives, showing on many occasions how we assume we are better than we are, he takes many of the verses that make up the 51st psalm and shows examples of how we can go to God with these things to receive forgiveness, mercy, healing and spiritual growth. There are in the book what I would gather as prayers, from the author to God, that are very moving and useful for our own meditation. It is very easy reading but that doesn't discount the depth of importance of the lessons to be learned. I'd be surprised if laymen or scholar didn't benefit from this work.

The thoughts Paul shares on restoration within King David's life have been a healing throb in my heart. I've shared it often with those in hospital, who have lost loved ones, and who find themselves in the midst of difficult struggles wondering if God has abandoned them, or does not love them, or is unaware of their situation. Paul Tripp draws from the depths of Psalm 51 to answer these questions - and more.

Tripp poignantly takes various angles of view of this Psalm of repentance and praise and through his own meditations invites the reader to likewise join in and consider the state of their heart and the wonder of God's mercy and love. His personal, reflective style invites the reader into an intimate, meditative discussion with the Savior. You cannot just casually read this book. I highly recommend it.

A very helpful book at helping me to see the depth of my own sin, and understand God's great forgiveness / grace / love.

Wonderful little book. Christ is the only answer. Once you get that you can live an incredible life!

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