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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

One of the truest benefits of genuine Christian friendship is transparency in view of the glory of Christ. If you are a believer you are no doubt feeling blessed if you enjoy such a relationship. I greatly value such relationships myself. I feel as though Paul David Tripp is now in that camp for me. Now, of course, I do not know him personally, I've never hung out with him. However, in reading his latest book *Whiter than Snow*, I feel as though we have been meeting for coffee each Tuesday morning. It seems like he has been discipling and encouraging me through his book on the 51st Psalm. In 52 short meditations the book brings the gloriously dangerous realities of grace and mercy

down to eye level. In some chapters Tripp writes poems, others stories, some detailed exposition, and others he writes like he is in his journal. However he may vary the style the same note is hit: as hideous as sin is mercy is more glorious in triumph. "Thank God that he has given us big grace! Each one of us needs grace that's not only big enough to forgive our sin, but also powerful enough to free us from the self-atoning prison of our own righteousness. We're not only held captive by our sin, but also by the delusion of our righteousness. Resting in God's grace isn't just about confessing your sin; it's about forsaking your righteousness as well. So we all need the big grace that's found only in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ." (p.29) Many times folks ask me for a good book to go through with a friend--this is definitely one I would recommend. The book is Christ-exalting, ego-afflicting, and so therefore very valuable to those who pursue conformity to the image of Jesus.

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.

Tripp's writing is fresh and clear, understandable and simple. But more than that, it's powerful. This collection of meditations on our need of forgiveness and grace from God is piercing. The questions on each meditation are insightful and thought-provoking. Whiter than Snow has helped me in my walk with the Lord.

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.

Succinct and powerful. Paul David Tripp gives us much to think about although he doesn't use a lot of verbiage to get his point across. This book will help every sinner (all of us) look ourselves square in the face and call sin, sin....then repent and get on with life. Makes one grateful for a great savior in Jesus Christ!

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.

This book will convict you and you will not even mind the truth bearing down on you. I loved it, and will buy more. Anything that helps me draw near to God is what I buy. He was recommended by a biblical high-dollar counselor. :) Read it.

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.

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