

Cleansed From Sin; Renewed and Refreshed

Psalm 51:1-19

- 1) Bad news: *all* have sinned and fallen short of God's glory (Romans 3:23)
- 2) Real bad news: the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23a)
- 3) Good news: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Rom. 5:8)
- 4) Real good news: If we confess and believe in Christ, we are forgiven— *saved* (Rom. 10:9-10)
- 5) Christians will continue to sin, yet God continues to forgive *them* (1 John 1:9)
 - a) Cry out to God for mercy (Psalm 51:1-2)
 - b) Confess your sins, admitting what God already knows (3-6)
 - c) Appeal to God to cleanse you from all unrighteousness (7-9)
 - d) Request a renewal of joy and a pure heart (10-12)
 - e) Vow to preach forgiveness to others in need of it (13-17)
 - f) Pray for God's kingdom of virtue over Satan's kingdom of evil (18-19)