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Title: My Stains are Gone!

Theme: Only Jesus can remove the stains of sin when we invite Him into our life and confess them.

Object: Fish bowl full of water + 2 cc 1N NaOH; Cross labeled “JESUS” with hidden syringe containing 2.5 cc 1N HCl; container labeled “SIN” containing phenolthalein indicator, and eye dropper.

Text: Isaiah 1:18 (NKJV) “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.”

Wow! What a wonderful promise we find in this verse.

God invites you to come and think this thing over with Him.

You’ve got sins? He’s got a solution. This is good news!!

God can see the stain of sin in our lives.

What is sin? Who can tell me?

If you’re thinking sin is the bad things we do, you’re on the right track.

The Bible says that sin is disobeying the law of God. It’s disobeying the commandments of God. It can be things like lying or stealing or cheating or disobeying your parents. It can be using bad language or breaking the Sabbath. Being mean and selfish and hating others instead of loving them. Rebelling against God and putting other things before Him is another way we can sin.

The Bible says we have all sinned. That includes me and the Pastor too. The only one who never sinned was Jesus.

And what God is saying through Isaiah is that sin leaves a stain on our hearts.

You can’t see it, and I can’t see it, but God sees it. He knows what we have thought and done.

In this verse He says your sins are like scarlet, they’re like crimson.

What color do you think is like scarlet and crimson?

If you’re thinking red, you’re on the right track! Scarlet is a bright red, and crimson is a deep reddish purple.

So our hearts are stained with sin, and the bad news is that our sins separate us from God.

Those who are stained with sin are not going to be able to go into the kingdom of God when Jesus returns.

But here’s the good news: If we bring our sins to God and tell Him we’re sorry, He is able to take away the stain of sin and make our hearts white as snow.

Is that Good News?!!

So when God takes away the stain of our sins, we are going with Jesus when He returns.

How many like science? Do you want to do a little experiment this morning?

OK! We’re going to show how God forgives our sins and takes away the stains from our heart.

[Set up demo. Drop indicator into water from dropper as various sins are mentioned. Talk about Jesus and how He died for our sins. Emphasize that Jesus needs to be inside our hearts to be able to forgive our sins. Put the cross in the water and discharge the hidden syringe.]

Was Jesus able to remove the stain of sin?

That’s what He will do for you invite Him into your heart, tell Him you’re sorry for your sins, and ask Him to forgive you.

How many want the stain of sin to be gone in their lives?

Let’s ask Jesus to make us white as snow.