

**“Make me whatever You want me to be”**

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**PSALM 51**

A psalm of David, regarding the time Nathan the prophet came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. <sup>2</sup>Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. <sup>3</sup>For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. <sup>4</sup>Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. <sup>5</sup>For I was born a sinner—yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. <sup>6</sup>But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there.

<sup>7</sup>Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup>Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me—now let me rejoice. <sup>9</sup>Don’t keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt. <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Do not banish me from your presence, and don’t take your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. <sup>13</sup>Then I will teach your ways to rebels, and they will return to you. <sup>14</sup>Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness. <sup>15</sup>Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you.

<sup>16</sup>You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. <sup>17</sup>The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God. <sup>18</sup>Look with favor on Zion and help her; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. <sup>19</sup>Then you will be pleased with sacrifices offered in the right spirit—with burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings. Then bulls will again be sacrificed on your altar.

**DAVID RECOGNIZES TWO FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS ABOUT SIN****1. All sin, at its root, is a disregard for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and is a sin \_\_\_\_\_ him**

“Against you, and you alone, have I sinned.” V. 4

“The heart of the human problem is the problem of the human heart.” Adrian Rogers

**2. We are not sinners \_\_\_\_\_ we sin; we sin \_\_\_\_\_ we are sinners**

“For I was born a sinner—yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.” V. 5

**THE GOSPEL**

“You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.” V. 17

**1. Our only \_\_\_\_\_ is in God’s action in our lives**

“Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins.” Ephesians 2:1

“I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.” Ezekiel 36:26

**2. He must \_\_\_\_\_ us and make us white as snow**

“Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.” V. 7

“Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.” V. 10

**3. He must draw us into his presence and \_\_\_\_\_ us with his Holy Spirit**

“Do not banish me from your presence, and don’t take your Holy Spirit from me.” V. 11

“In the midst of our spiritual death, God grants us sufficient grace, which enables us to respond to his call.” Tennent

**4. We must \_\_\_\_\_ through repentance**

“Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.” Acts 3:19

“We are called to come, to repent, to believe, and to return, among other things.” Tennent

**5. God will \_\_\_\_\_ us as an act of grace**

“Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness. Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you.” Vv. 14-15

“If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” 1 John 1:9