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As I gaze outside of the window—well, I almost can't, it is so bright!—a verse floods my heart: Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, let us reason together saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be read like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

There is that beautiful word “Come”. Just as Matthew 11:28 says, “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest;” He doesn't say “Come to a church, a creed, a custom.” He says, “Come to Me.” Christianity is first and foremost a relationship with a Person, not a list of do's and don't's that are crushing and laborious.

I like the second word of our verse: “Now”. 2 Corinthians 6:2b says, “...behold, now is the accepted time: now is the day of salvation.” There is urgency and immediacy here. When should we repent? At this moment—as soon as the Holy Spirit convicts of us sin.

The third word that catches my attention is “reason”. This is not an illogical suggestion. God can answer every honest question you bring. Since He gave His only begotten Son as the perfect sacrifice in our place, it is only reasonable that we should receive His gift of salvation. If you have already repented of your sins and accepted Jesus Christ as Savior, it is only “reasonable” that you should give your life to Him. Romans 12:1 states, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”

Lastly, when we come, accepting His forgiveness, He can make us clean. Pure and spotless as the driven snow. On the basis of Jesus Christ's atonement (payment) on the Cross, we can be legitimately acquitted of every sin—past, present, and future. This judicial act will never change. For all eternity, we are justified by faith in Jesus Christ.

Yet, as a child of God, we still have our old flesh that wants to return to sinful practices. When we walk in sin (darkness) we lose fellowship with our Father. There is no victory or peace when we are not abiding in the light. Do you want to restore fellowship? Come now. Confess—admit and agree with God that what you did was wrong. Don't cover it up or excuse it away. Confess it and forsake it. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9