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"THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST HIS SON CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN." 1 John 1v7

## **BATH TIME**

Whenever I was little, Saturday night was always bath night. As a child, hearing the gush of the water taps running upstairs, knowing that I would soon be called to come up for a bath, filled me with dread. I didn't want a bath. I didn't need a bath. When the call came, "Your bath is ready", I would always insist that I was okay. Then, when that didn't work I would bring my sister into the debate, "Bath her first, she is dirtier than me!" (It wasn't true of course). In the end, all my protests fell on deaf ears. All my arguments were brought to nought. It was my bath time.

In a small way, such behaviour reminds me of the excuses sinners make when they are called to come for cleansing to the Saviour. Many feel they are clean enough. Some divert the attention onto others, claiming that they are more in need of cleansing than they are themselves. However, the effectual call of God in this matter cannot and will not be ignored.

But back to my story, within ten minutes I re-emerged from a steamy bathroom, wearing a fresh pair of pyjamas, smelling of shampoo, almost sparkling and believe it or not, I was happy in my newfound clean and fresh condition. Again, what a reminder of the happy state a person finds themselves in having been cleansed and washed from all their sins by the blood of the Lamb.

There is one final thought, however, that I want to leave with you with regards to bath time and that is although I was lovely and clean, the water in the bath was filthy dirty. Now, my mother didn't keep that water to remind me of just how unclean I was. No, she pulled the plug and the water drained away never to be seen again. What a reminder this is of what God does with our sin. They are cast into the sea of his forgetfulness (Micah 7:19).

Boys and girls, I wonder if you have heard the call of God. Have you been cleansed from all your sin? Do you have peace in your heart knowing that your sin has been cast into the depths of the sea forever and ever?



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