

# *The God Who Cleanses*

*Psalm 51*

1. **We Must be \_\_\_\_\_ of our Sin** (v. 3, 5)
  - No one grows in their Christian faith by ignoring sin.
  - We should have godly friends who are willing to call out the sin in our lives. Sometimes, we throw our sins under the rug and need someone to remind us that when we do that we're not fooling anyone especially God.
  - Let us not ignore our sin or sweep it under the rug; let's believe what Scripture says about sin, our nature, and how God has dealt with our sin by nailing it to the cross of Christ.
  
2. **We Must \_\_\_\_\_ that we ultimately Sin against the LORD** (v. 4)
  - While it may be true that David violated a handful of people, he primarily and ultimately sinned against the LORD.
  - Since God is the LORD and Giver of life He is the Sovereign and the Authority over our lives.
  - Let's begin to see things in this light, if I sin against my neighbor I'm not only sinning against him or her, I'm ultimately sinning against the LORD.
  
3. **We Must \_\_\_\_\_ on the LORD for \_\_\_\_\_** (v. 1-2, 7, 9 14)
  - It's not enough for us to ask forgiveness from and reconcile with the people that we have offended, we must ask the LORD for His pardon as well.
  - The good news about our God is that He is rich in mercy and He is willing to eradicate our sins when we come to Him humbly and repentant.
  - The LORD is worthy of our praise and worship because he has freed us from the shackles of guilt and shame.
  
4. **We Must \_\_\_\_\_ the LORD to Make Us \_\_\_\_\_** (v. 6, 10-12, 16-19)
  - The Holy One of Israel is glorified when His people are pure in heart.
  - David did not lose his salvation, but he did lose something when he sinned, his intimacy (Ps. 66:18).
  - The LORD will never despise a heart that's humble and that trusts in Him alone for everlasting joy.