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What is scarlet? Scarlet is another word for the color red. Imagine that you spilled a whole pot of red spaghetti sauce all over your new white shirt. Could anything make it as white as snow again? Have you ever gotten your clothes really dirty, so dirty your mom didn't think she could ever make them clean?

The dirt that we get on our clothes can sometimes be washed clean. But the Bible says we have a bigger problem. When we sin and do wrong our hearts become so dirty that we cannot stand in front of God. For us to be able to be friends with God, we need to have the dirt on our hearts cleaned. This is what Jesus does for us. If you trust in Jesus and believe His Word, your heart will be clean. Jesus will forgive you when you sin. But you have to ask him to forgive you. Then, He cleans your heart so you can stand in front of God forever. \*

When God forgives us, he forgives us *completely*. Here are some other verses that describe what God does when He forgives our sin:

- ☆ God removes our sin from us, as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103:12)
- ☆ God throws our sins into the depths of the sea (Micah 7:19)
- ☆ God promises he will no longer remember our sin (Jeremiah 31:34)

\* This paragraph is taken from [The Priest with Dirty Clothes](#) by R.C. Sproul, which wonderfully illustrates the substitutionary nature of Christ's work on the cross.