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### Description

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Romans 5:12-21

Imagine what it would be like if we did not have easy access to water for bathing and washing clothes. These conditions exist in many world areas that experience a serious lack of water. Droughts force people, usually women and children, to walk for many kilometers to acquire potable water. Soaking in hot water is an unknown luxury. In Niger, a proverb meaning “I love you” is literally translated, “I accept your smell.”

God loves us just as we are. He cannot, however, allow us to enter His presence when we stink of sin. King David modelled a contrite heart, writing: “Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow” (Psalm 51:7). What cleans us? The blood of the Lamb. Once we are clean, God has a work for us to do.

“For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing” (2 Corinthians 2:15). We radiate the very scent of God that indicates our family relationship and attracts others to the kingdom.

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