



Grace Snap Shot

"Viewing life through the lens of God's grace!"



Stain Away

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Okay, so I'm in the car repair shop with Donna-Mae and we are having the pleasure of discovering that we have several things wrong with our vehicles. As our second car is being lowered off of the tow truck (sound like fun?), a map book falls out of the tow truck and lands underneath the truck. I, being the good Samaritan that I am, spring into action. Wait! Stop! Let me go back a little bit.

We had dropped off our first car for repairs and were heading home when our second car stalled on us in the middle of traffic. We got it off the road and parked in a Salvation Army parking lot. As I'm phoning for a tow truck our driver's window becomes dislodged and falls down into the door. What's going on?

After waiting for a tow truck for over an hour I walked across the street and purchased a small carton of chocolate milk to drink. As I'm returning to the car I see the tow truck has arrived. I place the chocolate milk carton in my jacket pocket and greet the tow truck driver. Fast forward.

I bend over and reach under the tow truck to pick up the fallen map book. As I stand up I suddenly notice that my right leg feels cold, why? I look down only to see chocolate bubbles running down my leg. The forgotten carton had exploded. What a mess. When we finally got home one of the first things I did was put some soap and my chocolate stained clothes in the laundry. You know what? The washing process didn't just cover the stains, it got rid of them.

I'm so glad that even on days when everything seems to go wrong, God is God and He loves. And even when I mess up, Christ's finished work remains complete and my position in Him doesn't change. You know under the Old Covenant, the sacrifices that were made were only a shadow of Christ's finished work. The blood of bulls and goats could never take away sins but only temporarily cover them. But through Christ's sacrifice on the cross, the stain of sin was not just temporarily covered it was permanently taken away (Heb. 10: 1-12).

That's good news!