

The Spiritual Spectrum

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Red is the color of sin. Through the prophet, Jehovah revealed, *“your sins are like scarlet,” “they are red like crimson”* (Isaiah 1:18). Sin is the color of blood because sin causes death (Genesis 2:17; Ezekiel 3:20). Every person of an accountable age is stained **red** with the guilt of sin (Romans 3:23).

White is the color of forgiveness. *“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool”* (Isaiah 1:18). All sinners stand in need of cleansing. Paradoxically, only the red blood of Jesus is able to wash sin from the soul (1 John 1:7; Hebrews 9:14). The Lord promised, *“He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments”* (Revelation 3:5) because they *“washed their robes and made them **white** in the blood of the Lamb”* (7:14).

Black is the color of punishment. In a chapter thoroughly addressing eternal destruction in hell, the apostle spoke of sinners *“for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever”* (2 Peter 2:17). Jesus often warned about the *“outer darkness”* where *“there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth”* (Matthew 8:12; 22:13; 25:30).

Green is the color of peace. Those who trust and obey the Lord are promised comfort, mercy, and goodness. David proclaimed, *“Jehovah is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures”* (Psalm 23:1-2).

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