

ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

TITLE: How is your Wool?

OBJECT: Lamb

DOCTRINE: Sanctification

STORY WITH THE OBJECT

When you compare a sheep to other sheep, they may all look white. But when you pull one sheep out of the flock and put it in the snow, you see that the sheep is not white but actually dirty and its wool is stained.

TRANSITION TO THE SPIRITUAL

It is the same with us. We tend to compare ourselves with others, and we see ourselves as good. But if we compare ourselves with the holiness of God and His law, we see that we are very dirty and stained.

THE PROBLEM (LAW)

How do we stain our wool? When we lie, steal, commit adultery, or have lustful thoughts, we stain our wool. No matter how hard we wash, we cannot clean our conscience. We are filthy in God's sight.

THE CONSEQUENCES (ETERNITY)

No one who is dirty will enter into heaven. God is holy and pure. If our wool is dirty, we will be cast out of His presence into eternal darkness where there is weeping and wailing. Hell is a terrible place for those who are dirty.

THE SOLUTION (CROSS)

God knew that we were going to have dirty wool, so the Lamb of God came. He was perfectly white and pure; he never sinned. John the Baptist said Jesus takes away the sins of the world. How can he do that? He did it when he died on the cross, and his powerful blood can wash away our sins. Jesus rose up from the dead, proving he has power over the sin in the world and in your life.

THE CALL (REPENTANCE AND FAITH)

You must recognize that your wool is dirty, that you have sinned, and that you cannot clean your wool. You must turn from your sins and turn your life over to Jesus. Ask him to come and wash you and make you clean. Then when you stand before Him on Judgement Day, He will see you as holy and let you into heaven.