

Thoughtful Thursday, July 31, 2025

July is over. It's been so rainy, and oppressively hot and humid that I have been inside most of the month. I have not enjoyed that. Summer is my favorite season. The grass and flowers are growing well, especially the water grass. For a change it's not brown and crunchy, like it normally is in July. Instead, it's a lovely shade of green and very soft.

Color is referred to often in the Bible. Like Joseph's coat of many colors, the Bible is filled with an array of colors. From the red clay from which humanity was created to the white robes of Revelation - the Scriptures employ the colors of the rainbow in their various shades. But is there any significance to these colors? I'll touch on just a few.

Red - Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool".

White - Revelation 7:14 - "I said to him, 'Sir, you know'. These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb".

Purple - Acts 16:14 - "One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods. She was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul". We were introduced to Lydia by Pastor Diana, in one of her sermons.

Blue - Exodus 25:4 - "Blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, goats' hair".

I will explore more Bible colors next week. Regional prayers are requested for First Christian Church in Clarinda, Emily Steeples. Prairie City Christian Church, Prairie City, Max Wagaman, Bob Pickerell and Carla Hillyer and the Christian Church in Tennessee. We are praying for the victims of the flooding throughout the country, and for the victims of the Derechos in Iowa this week.

This Sunday is the monthly Congregational meeting and potluck immediately after church.

Pastor Doug's sermon is titled, "Dancing with the Spirit". The scripture is I Corinthians 12:1-6, with the key verse 4.