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**DAILY BIBLE STUDIES**

"...shed for many for the remission of sins."

*Matthew 26:28*

**NOVEMBER 25 –DECEMBER 1, 2007**

**THE LORD'S DAY** – We take a break this week from our weekly study as we prepare to come this Lord's Day to the Lord's Table. We again want to focus primarily on the Gospel message proclaimed in partaking of The Sacrament. We are going to focus on a particular topic mentioned by Christ as He instituted the Supper with His disciples. Our text will be from the Gospel of Matthew, focusing on the Lord Jesus' words from **verse 28**. Read **Matthew 26:28**.

*What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?*

Suggestion for prayer: *Ask the Lord to teach you from His Word this week.*

**MONDAY** –Mankind's greatest problem is and has always been that since the fall in the Garden of Eden he has been under "*the curse*" or in simple terms, his problem is SIN. Men are separated from the righteous God and are under His holy wrath because of sin. No one ever born as a human apart from Jesus Christ has been born without sin (**Psalm 51:5**). The Scripture is very clear in telling us that this is the fact. The word used in the New Testament an here in our text for sin is the Greek word hamartia which means among other things, "to miss the mark, to err, to be mistaken". It could be further defined as violating God's law and wandering from His law and righteousness. All men are born sinners and therefore, they sin. We sin because we are sinners and we find ourselves under the just wrath of God, deserving death (**Ezekiel 18:4, 20**). This is a huge problem and we are totally helpless to fix it on our own (**Proverbs 20:9, Jeremiah 2:22**). Thankfully, as we will see later this week God grants forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

*What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?*

Suggestion for prayer: *Ask God to help you understand your desperate condition as a sinner, and to never forget that apart from Him, we would be eternally doomed.*

**TUESDAY** –I want to take another day and continue talking about sin. We have a sinful tendency as humans to shift blame and try to excuse our failings in life. We seek to blame among other things; our upbringing, circumstances, physical

Praise & Prayer	ADORATION Hallowed be Your name. (6:9)	AUTHORITY Your Kingdom come... (6:10)	APPEAL Give us this day... (6:11)	AQUITAL Forgive us our debts... (6:12)	ASSISTANCE Deliver us from evil. (6:13a)	ADMIRATION For Yours is the Kingdom... (6:13)	Lord's Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

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condition, environment, families, etc... We could go on and on with the list used by people to justify their behavior while the whole time we miss the point that the problem lies within each of us; our depraved, sinful hearts (**Jeremiah 17:9-10**). So many excuses are given for things that are clearly the fruit of a sinful heart (**Matthew 15:18-20**). We need to wake up and stop feeling sorry for ourselves and admit we and our sinful hearts are the cause for so much grief we find ourselves in. We need to follow the words of the prophet found in **Ezekiel 20:43**.

*What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer: Dear God, help me to see that it is my sin and rebellion against You that brings about a just and deserved penalty. Help me hate my sin!*

**WEDNESDAY** –We could spend the entire week dealing with sin from the Scriptures but in keeping with our text let's move into the good news concerning this horrible condition. There was and is One who was born a man and was alone without sin (**2 Corinthians 5:21, Hebrews 4:15, 7:26**). Jesus Himself asked those who accused Him in **John 8:46**, “Which of you convicts Me of sin”? No one could convict Him of sin, because He never sinned, and as the Scripture says describing His condition was, “*separate from sinners*”. Jesus was able to state that He could forgive sin because He was perfect as God in human form. He is The Lamb who “*is worthy*” because He was the fulfillment and embodiment of the picture of that “Paschal (Passover) Lamb” which was to be without spot, defect, and blemish. Praise God for the truth John proclaimed in **John 1:29**, and **1 John 3:5**.

*What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer: Praise Jesus today for being the only One who as a man is without sin. Thank Him for coming to bear our sin upon Himself.*

**THURSDAY** –In our text in **Matthew** we find Jesus as He was instituting The Lord's Supper told the disciples that the bread and wine were “*His body...His blood*” and furthermore that they were given for “*many for the remission of sins*”. Yesterday, we read that John the Baptist proclaimed that the Lamb of God “*takes away the sin of the world*”. Yet here, Jesus said that His blood was shed for “*many*” for their forgiveness. Who are and where the “*many*”? It is clear that not everyone dies as a forgiven sinner as Jesus Himself said to men in His day that “*you will die in your sins*” and “*where I go you cannot come*” (**John 8:21-24**). In that same passage in John's Gospel we find the Jewish leaders try to justify themselves by saying that “*Abraham is our father*”. Jesus told them that “*Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and He saw it*” (**John 8:56**). The “*many*” in our text that Jesus said His blood was shed to forgive include Abraham, Moses, Noah, David and all those who trusted in God before Christ died as well as all those who have and will trust in Him after His death. All true believers of all ages

are saved by the atoning death of Christ. Jesus said the covenant promises of a Savior from God were fulfilled in Him and He brought to fruition the “*New Covenant*” through His sacrifice for sin of all those who ever had and ever would believe (**John 3:36**). We will look at this more Lord willing this Lord's Day.

*What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer: Thank God for His covenant promise to forgive sin. Ask Him to help you to continually trust in Christ alone for your forgiveness.*

**FRIDAY** –Jesus said that His blood was shed for many for “*the remission of sins*”. The Greek word for “*remission*” is aphesis which means “*release from bondage or imprisonment, forgiveness or pardon, of sins (letting them go as if they had never been committed), remission of the penalty*”. That my beloved is a precious word! Christ's sacrifice on the cross was sufficient to pardon sinners if they would as Jesus said “*come unto Me*” (**Matthew 11:28**) and “*eat His flesh and drink His blood*” (**John 6:43-58**). We understand that Jesus is not speaking of literally eating and drinking but is referring to partaking by faith as Scripture says (**1 Corinthians 10:14-17**). This is what we affirm and remember as we literally partake of the bread and wine in The Lord's Supper. In this Sacrament (an outward sign of an inward grace) we demonstrate and affirm that by faith we have partaken of Jesus and embraced Him and His Gospel as our only hope of forgiveness from sin before a Holy God (**1 Corinthians 11:26**).

*What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer: Dear Jesus, help me to not merely eat the elements of The Supper but to remember it is by repentant faith that I partake of You.*

**SATURDAY** –To close out this week I would like to give you some more verses which speak to the blessing of forgiveness of sin found in our Savior Jesus Christ. God has opened a fountain of forgiveness (**Zechariah 13:1**). Christ's blood redeems us (**Ephesians 1:7**). We can be cleansed from sin (**1 John 1:7-10**). We as saints have also been freed from sin's bondage (**Romans 6:17-18**).

*What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer: Dear God, eternal thanks be unto You who by Your grace alone have made forgiveness not only possible, but effectual to us who believe.*