

HOLY Week

DAILY DISCIPLESHIP / GUIDE

GOSPEL CITY CHURCH

SUNDAY / DAY 1

SIN CORRUPTS WHAT WAS MEANT FOR WORSHIP

As we enter Holy Week, we will start by considering how deep and dark sin's stain really is, and how sin at its core is a failure to honor God as God. As you read, behold God's wrath against sin.

READ—

Romans 1:18-31 / Romans 3:23

PONDER—

Ponder Romans 1:21-23. What is the relationship between what we worship and how we live? Pray that God would forgive us for giving glory to anything other than Him.

MONDAY / DAY 2

THE GOSPEL EXPOSES HYPOCRISY AND FALSE RIGHTEOUSNESS

Yesterday we considered how a failure to worship God unleashes an avalanche of immorality. Today we will see how even religious, self-righteous rule followers are not beyond the stain of sin. As you read, behold the corrupting nature of sin that stains the deepest depths of the human heart.

READ—

Romans 2:1-29 / Matthew 15:7-9

PONDER—

Ponder Romans 2:3. If this is true, then who can escape the judgment of God? Pray that God would open our eyes to our own blindness and hypocrisy.

TUESDAY / DAY 3

THE DEPTH OF SIN'S STAIN

Today, we will see how the stain of sin has corrupted every person from head to toe, inside and out. As you read, marvel at the reality that apart from Christ "no one is righteous, no not one."

READ—

Romans 3:1-20 / Romans 5:12

PONDER—

Ponder 3:11-12. Is this literally true or just hyperbole? Pray that God would help us mourn the depth of sin's stain.

WEDNESDAY / DAY 4

THE COST OF REDEMPTION

The last few days, we have considered how all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Today, we will marvel that redemption is still possible through the blood of Christ! As you read, praise the Father for sending His Son to pay the steepest price possible for our redemption.

READ—

Romans 3:21-26 / Romans 8:32

PONDER—

Ponder 3:23-24. How can God be just and at the same time justify sinners? Praise God that it is possible for sinners to be declared righteous by a holy God!

THURSDAY / DAY 5

FORGIVENESS IS POSSIBLE THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST

Yesterday, we considered how Christ paid the cost of our redemption with His own blood. Today, we will consider how it is possible for a sinner to be cleansed from sin and credited with Christ's righteousness. As you read, marvel that we have a God who justifies the ungodly.

READ—

Romans 4:1-25 / Romans 16:25-27

PONDER—

Ponder 4:9. What is meant by "this blessing" (see previous verses)? Who is this blessing for, and how do they receive it? Pray and ask the Father to help you trust in Christ's work on the cross rather than your own works.

FRIDAY / DAY 6

CHRIST DIES SO THAT WE CAN LIVE

So far, we have seen that all have sinned, and yet the good news of the gospel is that sinners can be made righteous before God through faith in Christ's sin-atonement death. Today, we will consider how Christ's death brings us life. As you read, marvel at all that Christ's death accomplishes for those who believe.

READ—

Romans 5:1-21 / 2 Corinthians 5:21

PONDER—

Ponder 5:8-10. What has the death of Christ demonstrated and accomplished for those who believe? Pray and thank the Father for demonstrating His love for us by sending His Son, and for pouring His love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

SATURDAY / DAY 7

PUTTING OFF SIN AND PUTTING ON CHRIST

This week, we have considered the depth of sin's stain and the power of Christ's cleansing blood. Today, we will see how the work of Christ does not merely remove sin's stain, but replaces it with Christ's righteousness through union with Him. As you read, consider how believers are dead to sin and made alive to God through Christ.

READ—

Romans 6:1-23 / 2 Corinthians 5:17

PONDER—

Ponder 6:1-4. If we are saved by grace, then should we continue in sin that grace may abound? Why or why not? Pray and ask the Father to help you die to sin and live to Him through faith in Christ.

SUNDAY / DAY 8

RESURRECTION AND NEW LIFE

This week we have seen how the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord! Today, on Resurrection Sunday, we will see that if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us, this guarantees that we too will be physically raised from the dead to live forever and ever. As you read, consider what the resurrection of Christ means for our present, our future, and our eternity.

READ—

Romans 8:1-17 / Romans 1:1-6

PONDER—

Ponder 8:11. What implications does Christ's resurrection in the past, and the Spirit indwelling us in the present have for our future? Pray and praise the Father that because Christ is risen, we too will be risen indeed!