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Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church Confirmation

The Lord's Prayer: The Fifth Petition

After completing the lesson, the student will be able to:

- Write out from memory the Fifth Petition, and summarize what it means.
- Define what the following phrases mean: sins of omission, sins of commission, forgiveness, and trespass.
- Understand the reason why we can know we are forgiven.
- Define the term "sanctification".
- Know that sinless perfection is not possible this side of eternity.

THE FIFTH PETITION

1. Use your catechism to write in the following information about the Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer. Please copy it word for word below.

What is the Fifth Petition?

What does this mean?

2. If someone asked you to describe the 5th Petition in your own words, what would you say?

WHAT IS A TRESPASS

3. What are 'trespasses'? Read the following Bible passages, as they give an indication of what 'trespasses' are.

1 Chronicles 10:13;

Psalm 19:12;

4. Have we all 'trespassed' in the Biblical sense? If you are not sure, what does the Bible say?

Psalm 14:3;

Romans 3:23;

SIN OF OMISSION AND COMMISSION

In this petition we acknowledge that we have trespassed, or sinned, against God. There is no questioning if we have sinned or not, because it is a fact that everyone has sinned. In this petition there is a confession and a supplication:

- First, the confession is that we have indeed sinned. As we stand before God's holy law, we are shown to be sinners - people who have trespassed and broken His law. We have sinned in 'commission', by the things we have done against God's law, and we have sinned by 'omission', that is by not doing that which God would desire us to do.
- And then the supplication, or request, is for forgiveness.

5. What is meant by sins of 'omission' and sins of 'commission'? Are we guilty of both? Give an example of each?

6. How can we know God forgives us? Read the following passages as you answer.

Romans 5:6-11;

1 John 1:9;

1 John 2:2;

7. Should a true child of God trespass, or sin, against God on purpose? Why or why not? See Romans 6:1-4.

8. Can a true child of God ever be without sin this side of heaven? Why or why not?

SANCTIFICATION

This is a good place to remind ourselves of the word “sanctification.” It follows “justification” (do you remember what that word means? Hint—the moment that a contrite sinner believes God’s promise that their sins are forgiven because of the work of Christ). Sanctification is the process by which someone is ‘set apart’ from being a slave to sin, and lives in obedience to God. This comes about by an inward spiritual transformation. It is the Holy Spirit that empowers this Christian living, and the simple result is that day-by-day, we become more and more like Christ. Although we will never be ‘sinless’, sanctification does cause one to ‘sin less’ as we grow in the LORD.

9. Consider the concept of sanctification in your own life. In what ways are you becoming more and more like Christ?

10. Why should a believer ask for forgiveness every day? What does 1 John 1:8 say about our need in this area?

11. As we receive God’s promise of forgiveness, what is our promise and commitment regarding the sins of others against us? Read the following passages and note what they say regarding forgiving.

Matthew 18:21-22;

Colossians 3:13;

12. Can anyone who refuses to forgive another expect to receive forgiveness from God? Why or why not? Read the following as you answer.

Matthew 18:23-35;

Mark 11:25-26;

13. Read Psalm 130:3-4. What two truths do these verses show us about sin and forgiveness? (they relate to this petition of the Lord’s Prayer).

14. Read 1 Kings 8:46-50. This is a portion of a prayer offered up to God by King Solomon. Write out the truths or principles illustrated in this prayer regarding trespasses and forgiveness.

STUDENT & PARENT QUESTION: *for the student and a parent to discuss and answer together*
Is forgiveness something that is common in your home - family members forgiving each other, as well as reminding each other of God's forgiveness in Jesus? What is one step your family could take to make forgiveness a priority for your family?

STUDENT & PARENT SIGNATURE:

By signing below, we affirm (1) this lesson is complete and that (2) we completed the “Student & Parent Questions” section together

Parent Signature:

Student Signature: