

O Come, Let Us Adore Him!

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CAST OUT OUR SIN & ENTER IN PSALMS 32, 51

FOR THE **GROWING** CHRISTIAN:

After David committed adultery with Bathsheba and murdered Uriah, he seems to have spent many months in denial of his sin. Not until Nathan confronted him with the Word of God did he stop lying to himself, rationalizing his sin. To David's credit, when God's Word convicted him, he repented straight away.

Read John 9:39-41. Jesus warns the Pharisees that their denial of sin (*claiming to see*) makes them blind to their need of forgiveness. Contrast that with those who admit their blindness (*are honest about their sin*) and therefore receive forgiveness. John teaches Christians in his later letters to be honest about sin that needs to be pruned out of their lives and replaced with a righteous life (*made possible by the power of Holy Spirit*). Read 1 John 1:8-2:6.

The Christian walk is a continual submission of one's life to God's work of sanctification. We must keep our eyes & heart open to God's call on us to change.

FOR THE **MATURE** CHRISTIAN:

Read Psalm 51:10-13. The joy and relief that David experienced from being forgiven drove him to instruct future generations in the way of the Lord. Read Acts 9:17-22. Notice that after Paul became a Christian he immediately began evangelizing in Damascus (*and for the rest of his life*). Read Romans 10:14-15. This is Paul revealing that God designed His Gospel to be spread by His people. And, of course, Jesus commanded all His disciples - including Christians today - to evangelize in their spheres of influence. This would mean, like David, instructing people in what sin is and its effect on our relationship with God. Showing them that their sins can be forgiven by God's grace in the waters of immersion, and then joining them in the lifelong study of God's Word. Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. Like David, the joy and amazement of God's grace should cause us to want to tell the whole world how they can return to God's blessed family!

December 2024 Growth Goals

- ✦ Read at least 50 Psalms.
- ✦ Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
- ✦ Watch the Bible Project videos on the Book of Psalms (available on the website).
- ✦ Plan for a moment alone in prayer or to read a memory verse before each "event" this month (party, concert, family get-together, etc.).

FOR **CHILDREN**:

Read Psalm 32:3-5. David had a hard time admitting he was wrong, but when he finally confessed, he felt better having done the right thing. It can be hard to say we're wrong because we already feel bad ourselves and we think we might feel worse if we admit it to the person we offended. The truth is that confessing we were wrong is a chance to grow, and to experience the joy of forgiveness. Even if someone tries to make us feel worse after we've admitted we were wrong, we can know that God is pleased because we've done the right thing, and that He will offer us forgiveness.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE:

"...I said, "I will confess
my wrongdoings to the Lord";
And You forgave the guilt of my sin."

PSALM 32:5

WEEKLY AFFIRMATION:

*I Will Be
Honest with
Myself and God!*