

#5 "Nothing But..."

A Question We Struggle With:

What Can Wash Away My Sin?

At The Core Of That Question Is The Need For FORGIVENESS

"Every Religious System Offers A Solution To This Dilemma"

There Has Only Been One Person Who Has Ever Offered HIMSELF As The Solution - Jesus Christ

John The Baptist

"Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world" John 1:29

Jesus

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

Luke 19-20

The Apostle Paul

He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:13-14

"If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist.

But since our greatest need was forgiveness, God sent us a Savior."

~ Roy Lessin ~

In Jesus God Invites You To Build New Memorials To Your PAST

"In Christ The Memory Of Your Past Sin Will Stand As A Memorial To God's Grace, And Mercy And Unfailing Love Towards You".

A Single Act Of FAITH Is How You Receive That Gift Of Forgiveness.

"Salvation was bought not by Jesus' fist, but by his nail-pierced hands; not by muscle, but by love; not by vengeance, but by forgiveness; not by force but by sacrifice." ~A.W.Tozer~

The Question:

**Has There Ever Been A Moment In Your Life When You've Received
The Forgiveness of Jesus?**

Life Group Discussion Questions

We believe that spiritual growth happens best in circles. Life groups provide a safe and encouraging environment to experience authentic Christian community, to practice loving each other and to discover the life-giving truth of God's Word. <https://waipunachapel.com/church-life/life-groups>

Guilt is powerful. Shame can be crippling. We all have things in our pasts that haunt us. We have sin. It only takes a word, a picture, or a name to bring it all back. We know we can do better from this point forward, but how are we supposed to fix the past? We can say we're sorry. We can ask for forgiveness. But some of the things we've done hang over our lives like clouds. What can wash away our sins?

1. While you were growing up, did Christianity seem to be about what God wanted *from* you or what God had done *for* you? Explain.
2. What are some potential consequences of living with guilt and shame? How have you seen guilt and shame affect your life or the lives of others?
3. Is there anything about Jesus you find difficult or confusing? If so, what?
4. What are your thoughts on God providing a Savior so you can experience a relationship with him?
5. Consider the statement: "*You are trying to pay for sin that has already been paid for. Your role is to accept what has been done for you.*" If that is true, how would it change your view of faith? How might it change the way you live?
6. What is one thing you can do to begin to build new memories of forgiveness to replace the memories to your past failures and sin? What can this group do to support you?

Moving Forward

What can wash away our sins? Nothing... nothing but the blood of Jesus. The sin debt we hold over our own heads has already been canceled. We don't have to forgive ourselves because, through Jesus, God has already forgiven us.

Changing Your Mind

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