

Readings from Matthew chapter 18—October 3rd-9th, 2021

21 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" **22** Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. **23** Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. **24** And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. **25** But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. **26** The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' **27** Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. **28** But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' **29** So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' **30** And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. **31** So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. **32** Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. **33** Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' **34** And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. **35** So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Sunday: Why does Peter ask Jesus how often he should forgive his brother?

Pray for a new building for Dallas, Tex., RPC. **Pray** with RP churches worldwide today for our witness in East Asia.

Monday: What is Jesus teaching by means of v. 22? **Pray** with Fulton, N.Y., RPC regarding the future retirement of Pastor Nick Iamaio and pre-planning this eventuality for the congregation. **Pray** for Convoy (Ireland) RPC and its outreach.

Tuesday: 10,000 talents = \$7 billion. Could you ever pay off that debt? What does this imply regarding grace versus works? **Pray** for Columbus, Ind., RPC's fall retreat being held this month, that it would be a time of drawing the congregation closer together and stronger in love for Christ and each other. **Pray** for North Edinburgh (Scotland) RPC's financial needs.

Wednesday: What does this parable tell us about God's forgiveness of us?

Pray with Hillside (Almonte, Ont.) RPC that their town will approve the addition of a portable classroom for the church. **Pray** for McKinnon (Australia) RPC.

Thursday: Will God forgive us if we refuse to forgive others? Is there any limit to our forgiving others? **Pray** for those in Stillwater, Okla., RPC who've taken new jobs in other cities; **pray** for new members to be added to the

congregation.

Friday: What is a trespass? **Pray** for Columbus, Ind., RPC as Pastor Joel Hart begins ministry there; **pray** for unity and joy in the church. **Pray** for our nation.

Saturday: **Pray** with Hazleton Area, Pa., RPC that God would bless and establish the Lebanon Area Reformed Church plant. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow.

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The Lord's Day

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship
15:20

I Corinthians

*The Invocation

*Psalm 122B

“I Was Glad to Hear Them Saying”

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:1-21

*Psalm 138B

“With All My Heart My Thanks I’ll Bring”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 37D “The Very Steps of Man Have Been Established by the Lord”

Scripture Text

Revelation 3:1-6

The Sermon

“Letter to the Church in Sardis” (Part 1)

*Prayer

*Psalm 119M

“O How I Love Thy Law”

*Benediction

*Psalm 68E

“O All Ye Kingdoms of the Earth”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”—Matthew 28:19-20. “Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!”—Psalm 47:6.

Q. 41. *Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?* A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.

Q. 86. *What is faith in Jesus Christ?* A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 87. *What is repentance unto life?* A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

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Revelation 3:1-6 “Letter to the Church in Sardis” (Part 1)

Theme: Christ exhorts the church to wake up before it dies.

I. Problem and Exhortation

A. Problem

1. “I know your deeds”—Christ is omniscient

2. “that you have a name that you are alive, and you are dead”

a. The church had a reputation for being alive

b. But, it was in fact dead; and it had soiled its garments

B. Exhortation

1. “wake up!”—a guard must watch; Eph. 5:14; Is. 51:17; 52:1; 60:1

2. “and strengthen the things remaining, which were about to die”
3. “Remember therefore how you have received and heard”
4. “and guard”—a military figure; keep on your watch, guard it:
Matthew 27:36, 54; Acts 12:6; 16:12; 25:21
5. “and repent”—this sums it all up; repentance is always the answer

Application

A. If you're asleep, wake up!

1. Are you spiritually asleep? Sort of sleeping your way thru life?
 2. Then wake up!
- B. Wake up by looking to Christ in all of His wonder and beauty
1. He possesses the seven stars in His hand
 2. He has life within Himself
 3. He brings that reviving power to you