



Family preparation for congregational worship on April 23, 2017

Our Scripture-Romans 7:7-13 (ESV): What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." 8 But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. 9 I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. 10 The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. 11 For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. 12 So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. 13 Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

Discuss:

1. What is the purpose of the law?
2. What are the attributes of the law?
3. How does being conscious of the law produce death?

Prayer: Praise the Lord that He preserves us in spiritual battles. Praise God for His faithfulness. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for the renewing of your mind. Pray for the needs of your extended family. Pray, for the ministry of the camp Fairwood and their preparations for this summers camping ministry. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize: (April) For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God." John 3:20-21 (ESV)

Music:

As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

*Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole; I want You forever to live in my soul.
Break down every idol; cast out every foe-Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.*

Whiter than snow, yes whiter than snow; now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

*Lord Jesus, before You I patiently wait; Come now, and within me a new heart create.
To those who have sought you, You never said "No" Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow..*

Whiter than snow, yes whiter than snow; Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

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DECEIVED	DIED	GOOD
HOLY	KILLED	KINDS
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MEANS	ONCE	OPPORTUNITY
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