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Monday

Luke 7:47 "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little."

It is no fun to dwell upon my sin. The thought of it brings up the best of my excuses and justifications. None of us wants to confront, or be confronted by, the true nature of our sinfulness. We say it is a 'mistake', 'indiscretion', or 'slip-up'. God says it is sin. Though you do not want to contemplate the evil that resides within your heart, you must! To see the depth of God's love it is necessary to see how low He had to stoop to redeem you. The depth of your sin proves the depth of God's love. Do you understand? The enormity of your sin shows the abundance of God's grace toward you. Think upon your sin and know the depth of God's love.

Tuesday

1John 2:2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

Just as a magnifying glass focuses attention upon its subject, the cross focuses attention upon the depth of my transgression. What is the cost of sin? Your Sin? It is the cost of the life of the very Son of God. To call your sin unimportant, small, or meaningless is to declare that you believe the death of Jesus to be unimportant, small, and meaningless. Do you not see it? It took the death of God's Son to pay the debt of your sin. The death of the Son of God! The believer must come to grips with sin, his sin, her sin. It is not small or trifling. It is not inconsequential. Look at it as it is. Never forget, of necessity, it cost the Son of God His life.

Wednesday

Acts 2:23 This Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross ... and put Him to death

God's holiness and righteousness finds focus at the cross. For at the cross God showed that He does not consider sin something to be overlooked. There is no cheap forgiveness. There is no place for indulgent parenting, no wink at a child's wrong doing, no excusing a brat's transgression. God's holiness demands a penalty. God's righteousness could not overlook sin's offense to heaven. God's love took the penalty upon Himself. God's grace applied the payment to you. How unfathomable the love and grace of God! How magnified His righteousness!

Thursday

Judg. 13:23 But his wife said to him, "If the LORD had desired to kill us, He would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering from our hands, nor would He have shown us all these things, nor would He have let us hear things like this at this time."

The resurrection was God's final stamp of approval upon the words and ministry of Jesus. At His baptism, God commended the Son. Again at the transfiguration God spoke words of approval. But the resurrection was the grand and final demonstration upon the earth of God's blessing and affirmation of His Son. A liar would have remained in the grave. A blasphemer would have been dead and judged. If the sacrifice had not been accepted, by virtue of its means or content, there would have been no resurrection! Resurrection means Jesus' work was approved and if His work was approved then you are forgiven — completely!

Friday

Mark 16:6-7 "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here... But go, tell..."

The message of the resurrection was never meant to be kept silent! How could it be? The work of God bringing resurrection to your life was never meant to be kept silent! How could you? Let the celebration of God's work in you and in the world resound from your lips; let it be reflected in the joy of your steps. Speak of it through your hope and faith and love. Jesus is risen! Jesus is risen indeed!