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# **Light of the World Monthly Newsletter**

## Can God Take My Guilt Away?

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

### 2 Corinthians 5:21

"I wish I could take it all away," Mom whispered to her suffering five-year-old son. He had the flu for a couple of days now, and Mom's heart was broken. As he lay in his bed suffering from the chills and a fever, there wasn't much Mom could do except give him some children's flu medicine and just be there for him. Mom felt helpless and wished she could take it all away from him. She even wished she could have the flu instead of her son.

When children are sick, the love of Mom and Dad really starts to shine through. In a heartbeat, parents go to extra lengths to make sure their kids are feeling as comfortable as possible. If you're a parent, you've been there. You make

sure their pillow is extra fluffy. You bring their favorite juice box. You provide their favorite movie to watch. And any time you hear them call, you quickly respond with, "What can I do for you?" The love of Mom and Dad goes so far that if they could take the sickness away, even become sick instead of their child, they would. But they can't, and it hurts.

Has there ever been a time when you wished you could take it all away? Not just a sickness of a child, but something you did that you really regret? Maybe it was something you did to end a close relationship with a friend. Maybe you said something to a family member that you wish you could take back. Maybe it was something that only you know about, but it haunts you each day.

It's at moments like these that God's love really starts to shine through. He knows your sin, your guilt, your regrets. But he doesn't just wish he could take them away. He did take them away. He forgave them all! He took your sin and guilt away when he put them on his only Son, Jesus. He loves you so much that he had Jesus die for your sin so that you wouldn't have to. God forgave your guilt and now considers you right with him because of what Jesus did for you.

Wish your guilt and regrets could be taken away? They were. In their place, he gives you forgiveness and eternal life. Now that's a love that shines through!

Enjoy that love guiltlessly!

- Pastor Strong

# Key Events This Month:

8/1,15,29—Women's Bible Study

8/2—LotW Pioneers Meeting

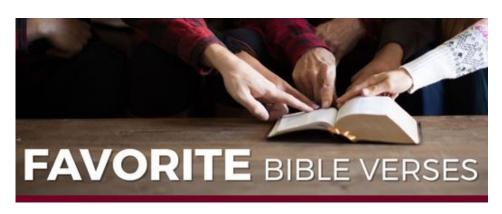
8/12—Sunday School Meeting

8/16—Elders Meeting

8/23—Council Meeting

# Light of the World Mission Statement

As a family of believers united in faith, we serve Jesus, the true Light of the World, as we GATHER around God's Word and the Sacraments and GROW together in our faith and our relationship with Jesus, so we can GO and share the good news of Jesus in our community and the world and GLOW with the love of



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Saturday	1 9:30—Women's Bible Study	$\infty$	15 9:30—Women's Bible Study 1:00—Communion Service	22	29 9:30—Women's Bible Study 1:00—Communion Service	
Friday		7	14	21		an, Bob & Gail an, Ian & Sheila
Thursday		9	13	20	Church Cleaners for August: 8/2-8/8—Amundson, Kuhl 8/9-8/15—Becker	8/16-8/22—Coleman, Bob & Gail 8/23-8/29—Coleman, Ian & Sheila 8/30-9/5—Die
Wednesday		гO	12 6:00—Sunday School Meeting	19	26	
Tuesday		4	11 6:00—Communion Service	18	25 6:00—Communion Service	
Monday		3	10	17	24	31
Sunday		2 10:30—On-Site Wor- ship 12:00—LotW Pioneers	9 10:30—On-Site Wor- ship	16. 10:30—On-Site Wor- ship 12:00—Elders Meeting	23 10:30—On-Site Wor- ship 12:30—Council Meet- ing	30