

Baptismal Class 3 of 6

Repentance—Confession—Believe

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... Acts, the 2nd chapter, and the 38th verse. This is our first text this evening. Acts 2:38. In the 37th verse, some people had been listening to Peter preach, and he had told them that they had crucified Jesus, which they had, and they felt bad about that and wondered what to do.

You notice the last line, they said:

“...Men and brethren, what shall we do?” Acts 2:37.

Was that a good question? Yes. They wanted to know what to do. Well, Peter told them. All together, the 38th verse:

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” *Ibid.*, verse 38.

What was the first word of Peter’s answer? Repent. That was the first thing for them to do. I wonder what it means to repent. [Audience: Be sorry.] Be sorry. Sorry for what? [Inaudible audience response.] For our sins. And sorry enough to give them up. Why sure.

Suppose that this is a hot stove here, and you see me with my hand on it, and I say, “Oh, that makes me feel so bad. It’s just so hot it hurts me,” but I’m still holding onto it. What would you say? Why, you’d say, “It’s not hurting you very bad or you’d turn loose of it.” Isn’t that right? That’s right.

Now, you see, the very first thing, then, that we need to do about sin is to what? Repent. And repent means to be what? Sorry, and sorry enough to do what? Turn away from it, give it up. [Audience member has inaudible comment.] That’s right. All right.

Now, the next thing after that is what, Stanley? And be baptized. Well, when is the time to be baptized, then? After you’ve done what? After you’ve repented. And if you haven’t repented, then, before you’re baptized, you should do what? Repent. That’s right.

Therefore—now watch this point—every day you should be asking Jesus, “Oh, Lord, help me to repent of my sins. Help me to repent of my sins. Help me to be sorry for my sins. Help me to know what they are and then help me to be sorry.”

I wonder what would make us sorry for sin. [Audience response.] That's it. The way we treated Jesus, the way our sins affected Him. What did our sins *do* to Jesus? They killed Him. That's what happened at the cross. So, looking at the cross will make us feel how about sin? Sorry. And, if we look long enough and ask Jesus to help us, we'll get sorry enough to do what? Forsake sin, give it up. That's a very important point.

Your power—watch this point, every one of you—your power to overcome sin is just as strong as your sorrow for what sin caused Jesus, the suffering it caused Him. If you see the suffering that sin caused Jesus, it will give you power to break with sin and to keep broken. And you are to do that *when* with reference to baptism? Before. Because baptism represents that you've given up sin.

And so Peter says before you're baptized, do what? Repent. Repent and then be baptized. And baptized for what? Look at that text. What does he say you're to be baptized for? [Audience responds.] Yes, but he tells us something there. What's it for? For the remission of sins.

I wonder what remission is. Well, I'll tell you, friends, it's the taking away, it's the taking away. And just as water covers whatever is put down into it, so the precious blood of Jesus Christ covers your sins and cleanses you.

Now, let's turn over to 1 John, the first chapter, and the ninth verse. 1 John 1:9. Well, we'll take the seventh verse, first. 1 John 1:7. I want you to see what it is that cleanses or takes away your sins.

Now, 1 John is over near the end of the Bible. The easiest way to find it, if you don't know where it is, is to turn to the end of your Bible and start leafing back. 1 John, the first chapter, and the seventh verse. 1 John 1:7.

All together:

“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin” 1 John 1:7.

What is it cleanses us? The blood of Jesus cleanses. What does it cleanse us from? From sin. How much sin? All sin. Isn't that nice. Isn't that wonderful. Can every sin be cleansed away? Yes.

But Peter said, in order to have that happen to us, the first thing we need to do is what, Merilee? Repent. And, Margaret, what's the next thing? Be baptized for the? Remission of sins. That's right.

So, the first thing to do is what? Repent. And repent means to be what? Sorry for? Sin. And sorry enough to? Give it up. All right. And then, after we've repented of our sins, after we're sorry and ask God to forgive us, then we're to be what? Yes. We're to be baptized. All right.

Now, the ninth verse tells us one of the things that shows that we repent. What's that third word in the ninth verse, Stanley? Confess. All right. What are we to do? Confess our sins.

Let's read this verse together:

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" *Ibid.*, verse 9.

[Comments by class member.]

All sin. That's right. All right. Now, what's that first word in this verse? If. What a little word but, oh, how big it is. Now, notice, whatever follows that if—everything depends upon that.

"*If* we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins..." *Ibid.*

Suppose I had said to you, "*If* you come here tonight, I'll give you a \$10 bill." How could you get the \$10 bill? If you came. But suppose you didn't come, and tomorrow you'd see me and say, "Brother Frazee, I'm ready now to get that \$10 bill."

But I'd say what? Remember, I told you what? What did I tell you? *If*. If what? If you came here to this meeting tonight. You see, it would all hang on your coming, even though my gift was a free gift.

Now, God offers us the free gift of forgiveness. It's a free gift. We can't earn it, we can't buy it, but He says you can have it *if*—if you do what? Confess, confess.

My, you'd think everybody would want to get rid of sin and would confess, wouldn't you? But do you know that's one of the hardest things in the world for people to do—hard thing to admit they're wrong and tell what they were wrong about, but it's the only way to get right.

Let me illustrate that for you. A number of years ago, I was in one of the large cities of the United States holding meetings, and there was a man coming to my meetings, and the Spirit of God convicted him of his sins. And he came to talk with me about it, not that he needed to confess to me, but he was so in a mess, as we say. He was just in a lot of trouble and he was wondering what to do to get out of it.

And do you know what that man had done? Several years before, when he didn't know the Lord, he had burned down a building on purpose just to collect the insurance on it. Was that a sin? Oh, yes. Was that stealing? Yes, that was stealing. But he hadn't been caught, but now God caught him. God caught him. What I mean by that is God's Spirit was talking to him and he wanted to be saved.

What could he do? What must he do, according to this verse? He must confess. Suppose he'd said, "Well, I'd like to be baptized and I think that'll take care of it." Would baptism take care of it? Baptism would take care of it, providing that

he'd first what? Confess. When I say, Baptism would take care of it, I mean simply that baptism represents the blood of Jesus, which what? Covers the sin. But can the blood of Jesus cover an unconfessed sin? No, it can't. Can't do that.

Now, what must that man do that I was telling you about? He must confess. All right. That's right. Confess to God, but did he have anybody else to confess to? The people he'd stolen from, certainly, yes.

I remember in another city where we were holding meetings, there was a young man came to me, and God had been working with his heart, and he said, "Brother Frazee, I need help to know how to get some things straightened up." He said, "You know, the Lord has been talking to my heart and bringing to my mind some things that I hadn't thought about." Yes. He was guilty.

And he said, "Several years ago, when I was a little younger, some other boys and I, we went around in the neighborhood and stole chickens at night." Well, what did that young man have to do to get right? He had to *confess*, and pay for those chickens he stole. Is that right?

Now, did that earn forgiveness? No. Forgiveness is a free gift, but:

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins..." *Ibid.*

Wouldn't it be a strange thing if that boy, instead of saying anything about it, had just gone ahead and been baptized and claimed to be a Christian and finally somebody had found out about it and said to him, "Why, young man, what about those chickens?" And suppose he'd said, "Well, you know, after that, I was baptized and that took care of all that." Would that pay for the chickens? Why, no.

We're not pagans, friends, and we don't believe in the idea that being baptized will pay for any wrongdoing that we've done. No matter how big the sin, the blood of Christ can forgive us if we'll do what? Confess. But no matter how little it is, the blood of Christ can't cover it if we try to cover it by covering up. We'd better let Jesus cover it. He can do a better job than we can.

And so, we have something to do, if we want to have our sins forgiven. Our job is to do what? Confess, confess.

[Comments made by class member.]

Yes, and they will. Now, I want you to go over to Leviticus. That's the third book of the Bible, and I want you to see something very interesting here in the book of Leviticus, the fifth chapter and the fifth verse. Leviticus 5:5.

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus. There something about confession that's very important. Do you have it? Leviticus, the fifth chapter, and the fifth verse. All together:

“And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that he shall confess that he hath sinned in that thing” Leviticus 5:5.

That’s the thing I want you to get.

Suppose now—some of you in this class are children—suppose that God brings it to your mind that last week your mother asked you to do something, and instead of doing it you went off and played or something—you didn’t do what mother told you to do. Do you need to confess that? Yes. Why, sure.

Now, suppose, instead of confessing that thing—suppose you simply go to mother and say, “Mother, if I’ve ever done anything against you, I want you to forgive me.” Will that take care of it? No, I don’t think so, friend. I don’t think so. This says if you’re guilty in a thing, you’re to confess what? That you’ve sinned what? *In that thing*. You see that?

“...he shall confess that he hath sinned *in that thing*”
Ibid.

Very important. Just suppose, Stanley—suppose that some other boy had gone into your desk at school and taken one of your pencils. That would be what? That would be stealing. But suppose by and by he got to feeling bad about it and he was sorry he’d done that. What should he do? Ask God to forgive him. Do you think he ought to ask anybody else? Do you think he ought to ask you, if he stole the pencil from you, and bring the pencil back and give it to you?

But suppose, instead of doing that, he should just come around some day and say, “Stanley, sometimes I feel like I haven’t treated you just right and I wish you’d forgive me for everything I ever did against you wrong,” but he didn’t say anything about the pencil. He just kept that in his pocket. Would that take care of it? I don’t think so.

Do you see what I’m getting at, class?

Now, somebody will say, “But, Brother Frazee, what about all the things I’ve done against God or other people that I can’t remember?” All right. 2 Corinthians 8:12. 2 Corinthians 8:12.

You know, the Bible has the answer to every question we need to know the answer to. There are a lot of questions we don’t need to know the answers to, but there are some we do, and all the questions we need to know the answer, the answer’s here in the Bible.

And we’re looking now to see what about all the things we’ve forgotten about, because, do you think we remember all our sins, dear friends? No. 2 Corinthians, the 8th chapter, and the 12th verse.

That’s Acts, Romans, and then Corinthians. 2 Corinthians 8:12:

“For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not” 2 Corinthians 8:12.

Oh, yes. What’s the first thing? A willing mind. And if you have a willing mind, you’re what? What does this say? Accepted, according to what you have and not according to what you don’t have.

Suppose I’ve committed a thousand sins but I can only remember a hundred of them. What am I responsible for? The hundred I remember, is that right? That’s all I have the knowledge of.

But I’ll tell you something, friends. This is very interesting. God doesn’t bring all your sins to you at once. He brings enough to you to get started on, to get busy on, and if you’ll get busy on those and take care of those, God may bring some more to your mind.

But what is the use for God to bring to your mind 200 sins when you know about a hundred and haven’t done anything about them? What’s the use? If there’s only one sin that God has brought to your mind that you haven’t made right, what’s your next job? What’s your next job, with that sin that God has brought to your mind?

Just one sin is all you can remember tonight, we’ll say, that you haven’t confessed and made right. All the rest, as far as you know, have been made right, but there’s one sin that God brings to your mind that hasn’t been made right. What’s the thing to do? Confess it. And what did we read that Jesus would do if we confess our sins? He’ll forgive them. He’ll forgive them.

And so, if there’s just one thing that God brings to my mind, have I got a job to do? Have I got enough to get busy on? And if I’ll do that, God may bring to my mind something else.

And the Devil would like to get you worried about things you can’t remember. Don’t let that worry you at all. That’s with God. If you can’t remember it, then you *can’t* remember it. Is that right? If you can remember it, then it isn’t true that you can’t remember it.

There’s something more in that text that I want you to see because sometimes, dear folks, there are things that we have done that there’s no way in this world to make right.

Let me illustrate it. Suppose that you have stolen from somebody—I hope nobody here has, but suppose—I don’t know your life—suppose there’s somebody here has stolen from somebody, and it was many years ago, and that person is dead and you don’t know where any of their heirs live. Could that condition be possible? Yes, that could be possible. Or suppose you had wronged somebody in a way that there was no way to make it right. That could be possible.

What does this text say? The first thing you're to have is what? A willing mind. A willing mind. Willing to do anything to make it right. And then, if you have that willing mind, it is what? Accepted according to what you? Have, not according to what you don't have. According to the opportunity.

Now, we'll illustrate that with the thief on the cross. That thief that was hanging on the cross by Jesus' side—was he a thief? Yes. That's what the Bible says. He was a thief. That means he'd done what? He'd stolen.

Now, what we read over there in Leviticus, he was supposed to do what? Confess. Confess what? That he'd sinned in that thing. Did he ever do it? Why not? He didn't have any chance. Could he get down from the cross and go back to all the people he'd stolen from and say, "I've accepted Jesus and I'm sorry that I've stolen." I'm talking about the people that he wronged. Did he ever go back to them and confess that he'd done wrong? Why didn't he? He had no opportunity. Will he be lost? He'll be what? How do you know? Jesus said so.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day,
And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins a way.

Now, if there would have been any way that he could have gotten down from that cross and gone back to those people that he'd stolen from, don't you think he would have been willing to do it, friend? Why, sure. A man that's sorry for his sins, he wants to get them right, with man as well as God.

And I want to tell you something, friends. No matter how big your problem, there's a way through on it. No matter how great your sin, there's a way to have it forgiven, and no matter how little the sin, it needs to be forgiven—needs to be forgiven.

And the promise is, *if* we do what? If we—what was that text in 1 John 1:9? If we do what? Confess. Confess what? Our sins. What will God do? He'll forgive us. All right.

Now, go over to Mark, the 11th chapter, and I want you to get a wonderful ingredient that needs to go with this. Mark, the 11th chapter, and the 24th verse.

Together:

"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire,
when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall
have them" Mark 11:24.

Then, when you want something, that God has promised, of course—when you want something and you go to God and ask Him to do that, then what are you to do? Believe. Believe that you what? Receive it, and you'll have it. All right.

Now, let's take this very thing we're studying about tonight. I repent of my sins. I confess those sins. I ask God to forgive me. Then, what am I to do,

according to this text? Believe. Believe what? Believe I receive what? Forgiveness. That's what I'm asking for, isn't it?

But suppose I don't feel any different. Is it true anyway? Oh, this is so important, friends. Our feelings, thank God, have nothing in the world to do with it—nothing in the world.

Suppose you had wronged *me* in some way, and you should come to me tonight and say, "Brother Frazee, I'm so sorry for what I did against you last week or last month," and you'd explain it and confess it, and ask me to forgive you. And suppose I should say, "All right, friend, I forgive you." And we shake hands and you go on down the steps.

But suppose, as you go home, you say, "Oh, I wish I knew whether Brother Frazee forgave me or not. I wish I knew. I wish I could feel sure." Whose word would you have to take for it? My word.

Now, I could tell a lie. I hope I wouldn't about a thing like that, but that's possible, but my point is, can God lie? Is it possible for God to lie? Then, if God says that He forgives you when you confess, if you confess, what do you know? He's faithful and just to what? Forgive you.

Isn't that wonderful, friend? Oh, I'm so glad that that's so. And I want every one of you to be certain about that tonight. I want every one of you to know in your heart that your sins are forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

When you go down into that water, I want you to go without any shadow over your heart. I want you to know that those sins are all under the blood of Christ. And you can do it if you'll follow these simple directions we're having tonight.

Repent of sin, give it up, confess it, and then do what? Yes, but what does this text say? Believe. That's it. Believe. When you've asked God to forgive you, when you've confessed that sin, then do what? Believe. Believe what? Believe that He forgave you. That's it exactly.

You know, in one city where we were holding evangelistic meetings, there was a young woman and her mother that were getting ready for baptism. This young woman was a mother and she had a couple of little children, and they were both—the mother and the grandmother—they were both getting ready for baptism.

And as we talked, one question that I asked this young mother—I said to her, Do you believe that God has forgiven your sins? "Oh," she said, "I wish I knew. I wish I knew." Now, this dear woman—she'd been a Roman Catholic, and so, as we studied there together and I asked her this question, she said, "I wish I knew."

Well, then, we turned over to 1 John 1:9, this very text that we were reading a little while ago, and I let her read it, and I said, "Now, have you *confessed* your sins to Jesus?" She said, "Oh, yes, many times. Many times I've confessed my sins to Jesus."

“Now,” I said, “according to this verse, what does Jesus do when you confess your sins? What did He say He does? Forgives them.” “Now,” I said, “if God keeps His word, then, what does He do when you confess your sins?”

Well, it began to dawn on her soul how she could know that God forgave her sins, not by some feeling, but just because He’d promised, and she went free in God, thank the Lord. She was baptized. She knew that her sins were forgiven.

Now, when do you think we ought to do that believing? Before we’re baptized or after? Before. That’s right. Let’s turn over in this same book of Mark to the 16th chapter, and the 16th verse. Mark 16:16. Mark 16:16. What does it say, Eddie?

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” Mark 16:16.

It all hangs on what? Believing. My, my. Think of it, friends. Think of it. God so loved the world—let’s say it together:

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” John 3:16.

Does it make any difference whether we believe or not? It makes all the difference in the world, friend. God says something and you believe it, you’ll be saved. If you don’t believe it, how could you be? Your salvation depends upon what? Believe. Then, if you confess your sins, and God says He forgives them, what are you to do. Believe. And you’re to do that before you’re baptized or after? Before.

He that—what does our text here say? He that believeth *and* is baptized. Baptism then (watch this point) is a sign not only that you repent, but it’s a sign that you believe. And notice, it’s a sign you *have* repented and it’s a sign you *have* believed.

When you come down into that water, you say, Lord, I’ve repented of my sins, I’ve given them up the best I know, and I believe, oh, I believe, that the blood of Christ has covered those sins, and now this water is going to cover me, in token that I believe that the blood of Christ covers those sins. That’s what it means, dear friends.

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...” Mark 16:16.

Oh, I’m so glad for that tonight, friend.

Now, let’s turn over to the 139th Psalm, and here’s a prayer. Here’s a prayer that I want you to look at and I want you to learn. You can see what we’ve studied tonight is so. Here’s a prayer you need to pray. Psalm 139:23 and 24:

“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting” Psalm 139:23-24.

Oh, yes. Is that a good prayer to be praying right now? Now, I want every one of you in this class to be doing that every day. You know, when we began this class, I told you, if you knew that you were going to die in a few weeks, wouldn't you be every day looking over your life to find out anything that needed to be settled before you died? That's right.

And, as you come up to this time of baptism, every day be praying, “Oh, Lord, search me.” What does search mean? Look for. Look for. If there was a child lost out here on the mountain, what would we be doing? Searching, wouldn't we? All right.

Now, there's something that you may not have noticed that's in your life—your past life or your present conduct—and you may not have thought about it, but if you'll pray God, He may bring it to your mind. God will do the searching. You see, God's the only one that knows your life fully. He's the only one that knows your thoughts, but *He* does.

And so we're to pray:

“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting” *Ibid.*

Will God hear that prayer? Yes. And He'll bring things to our minds. And remember, friends, don't worry about the things He doesn't bring to your mind. How foolish it is. You don't know what they are anyway. Just covenant with God that you'll do something about what He brings to your mind.

And if He brings to your mind something to confess, confess it. If it's something that needs to be confessed just to God, confess it to God, put it away and believe you're forgiven. If it's something that has wronged some human being, confess it to God and also confess it to them, and believe that God forgives you. Claim the promise, dear friends. Claim the promise.

If we what?

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” 1 John 1:9.

All right. Now, this week at home day by day on your knees with your Bible, as you pray, pray this prayer. I want you to commit it to memory, and say, “Oh, God, search me and bring anything to my mind that needs to be taken away.”

And I want to tell you something, friend. All of you get this point. This is very important. When God puts His finger on something in your life and says, That needs

to come out, don't argue with God about it. Don't say, "Well, Lord, you let somebody else do it. Why don't you let me do it?" No, no, no. Don't say, "Lord, well, the deacon in the church does that. I think it's all right for me to do it. Or the elder—I've seen him do that and so it can't be too bad. Why can't I do that?"

No, friends. It doesn't make any difference who you see doing something, if the Word of God and the Spirit of God says, That needs to come out of your life, say, "All right, Lord. Out it goes. Out it goes." And God will bring things to your mind that need to be different, need to be changed.

And, oh, how happy it makes the Lord when we say, "All right, Lord. I believe you, and if you say that needs to come out, out it comes. I repent of that. I'm sorry it's hurt you. Thank God, it won't hurt you any more, dear Lord, for I'm giving it up. Take it away. I confess it and I believe you'll forgive me." Why, He loves to forgive, friends. He loves to forgive. It just makes Him happy.

You remember that story that Jesus told of the boy that had gone off to the far country and done all kinds of bad things and wasted all his father's money. But when he finally came home, the father ran to meet him and threw his arms around him and forgave him the whole thing. You remember? That's the way God is, friends. God just loves to forgive. Makes Him happy.

He doesn't want to hurt anybody. He's sorry because sin is hurting *us*, and He came down and took our sins in Jesus, and suffered the hurt, went through our terrible pains of death in order that all those might be forgiven. Oh, let's thank Him for that love. What do you say, friends? Let's thank Him for that wonderful love.

All right. Now, I wish we could spend just a few minutes talking this thing over. You, who are in the class, and anybody else that's here tonight, if you'd just like to stand up and say a word of praise to God because He forgives sin, because He's loving and ready and willing to forgive, that'll make God happy.

Who'd like to speak? Just stand right up.

[Testimony meeting.]

You're interested in how to work for souls. I'm so glad you're here, taking notes on these studies. I hope you're taking notes. And remember this. The important thing about these studies and everything else that's done for God, make it simple, make it plain. Make it simple, make it plain.

Do you know there's a verse in the Bible says, Make it plain. If you don't know where it is, look it up. I'll tell you, if you can't find it, but I want you to look it up. Make it plain. Make it plain.

The thing that saves people isn't some fine-spun theological argument or some doubtful or mystical prophetic interpretation. It's getting down to business with the plain simple Gospel truth.

All right. Now, who else has something you want to say tonight for Jesus, and you'll do it regardless of feeling just because you want to make Jesus happy.

Stanley, what did you get especially that you're going to take home? What thought do you remember that you're going to take home? Are you going to ask Jesus if there's anything you need to confess and then you're going to do that? Then you're going to believe He's forgiven you? That's good. I hope you'll go over with mother each one of these texts and tell her what we studied about. Can you do that? Fine. All right.

See, I take these cards with these names on them and I pray over them, and this morning I was just wishing that Margaret could be here tonight. Thank the Lord she's here.

Margaret, is there anything you'd like to say for Jesus tonight before we close our class?

[Comments by Margaret.]

Good. You love Him tonight, don't you? I know you do. We're so glad you're here. Made me very happy when I saw that you were here.

Well, dear friends, it's a wonderful hour. And remember, every one of you, no matter how little you are and, shall I say, no matter how sinful you are, Jesus loves you just like you were the only one here. Just like you were the only one in the world, He loves you. And even if your heart should be hard, He can soften it, if your heart's sinful, He can cleanse it, if your heart's sad, He can bring you the joy of forgiveness.

Now, I'd like to give you a few texts to commit to memory. I want you to learn 1 John 1:9:

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" 1 John 1:9.

I want you all to learn that text. Then, I want you to learn Mark 16:16, the first part:

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved..." Mark 16:16.

That's enough. Just learn that first little part of that verse. That's short. Then, I want you to learn Psalm 139:23-24. That's that last one we had. That's the prayer:

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" Psalm 139:23-24.

Now, go over those three texts—1 John 1:9, Mark 16:16, the first part, and then Psalm 139:23 and 24. And our next class will be next Sunday night at 6:30. I hope each one of you will be here with your Bible and notebook.

And if there are any of you that would like some personal help, just be sure to tell us so that we can sit down with you and help you find God's answer to your problems.

Shall we stand. Dear Father in heaven, we thank Thee so much tonight for these beautiful and wonderful promises, and tonight as we confess our sins we believe Thou dost forgive, and that the precious blood of Jesus covers and cleanses us. And so, bless us, bless every one of this dear class and each one here, and we thank Thee, in Christ's name, Amen.

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