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Law/Gospel

I sin when I ignore Christ's forgiveness and continue in my sin.

Christ forgives me completely and strengthens me through the Holy Spirit to leave my life of sin.

Bible Words

[Jesus says,] "Your sins are forgiven." Mark 2:5

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, help me to recognize the sins I do, say, and think. Lead me to confess them to You and to tell You that I am sorry for them. In Your mercy and grace, forgive my sins and help me to live the way You want me to. Amen.

Jesus Forgives a Woman

John 8:1–11

Seething with such jealousy and bitterness, the Pharisees and scribes were vigilant to find an opportunity to bring an accusation against Jesus and have Him arrested, shunned, or at least discredited.

One such opportunity was when a woman was caught in adultery, as we read in today's passage. The religious leaders drew on passages from the Old Testament as support for stoning her. Interestingly, these verses also call for stoning the man involved in the sin.

Their plan was to place Jesus in an untenable position. If He agreed to stone the woman, He would lose credibility with the people. If He ignored the Scriptures of the Old Testament, He would lose credibility as a rabbi.

Jesus' response was perfect. Avoiding their trap, He said, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her" (John 8:7). With this simple statement, our Lord diffused the tension and turned the attention from Himself to the Pharisees and scribes. If they had chosen to proceed with stoning the woman, they would have run the risk of conflict with the Romans, who did not allow unsanctioned death sentences. What's more, casting the stone would have been a public proclamation of innocence before God.

It's important to notice that Jesus did not ignore the reality of the woman's sin nor her need to repent and discontinue. His words emphasized His complete forgiveness and the imperative to sin no further.