

What Makes the Lord's Prayer a Christian Prayer

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Scripture: Matthew 26:28, John 19:30, 1 Corinthians 1:18, Galatians 6:14, Colossians 1:20, Hebrews 9:22, 1 Peter 2:24, 1 John 1:9, Revelation 1:5

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Transcript

Right here, before I go on to the last petition, right here in the Lord's Prayer, we know something that Jesus knew but not everybody listening knew. We know that Jesus would say a little while later these words, this is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. The forgiveness of sins does not make its way to you straight from the fatherhood of God.

It makes its way to you from the fatherhood of God through the death of his son. So let Jesus be honored in the Lord's Prayer, not just speaking it but founding it, holding it up. There would be no forgiveness in answer to this prayer had he not finished his course.

So be honored, the Lord Jesus. We're not just treating you as a teacher here. Oh, when I was in seminary, I was taught about the old liberalism, and I'm glad I was so that I didn't go there.

The old liberalism took the sermon on the Mount and said, fatherhood of God, brotherhood of man, love of neighbor is Christianity. It's not. The cross is Christianity.

There is no Christianity if Christ had not gone beyond this prayer to die under it and hold it up so that when we pray it, forgive me. We're not just saying, I hope you're nice. I hope you're pitying.

I hope you're father-like. We're saying, thank you for showing me what you were willing to do.

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