



Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



Episode 030: They're Not Called the Ten Suggestions! (Exodus 20)

Israel did not become God's people on Mt. Sinai. God had already made them His people by His great deliverance through the blood of the Passover lambs and through the waters of the Red Sea.

So what was Mt. Sinai all about? God was teaching Israel how to live as His people.

- What happened when Israel forgot God's deliverance and assumed all their victories were because of their own efforts, wisdom, and strength?
- What is the danger when we think all our accomplishments are the result of our own hard work?

In the same way, God made us His children through the death of His Son -- Jesus Christ the Passover Lamb -- and through the waters of Holy Baptism where we were joined to Jesus' death and resurrection. Now God's Law teaches us how to live as His people, especially in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7).

- What difference does it make to you in knowing that God made you His child through Jesus Christ, not through your efforts?
- What are some ways Christians still try to make themselves God's children by the way they live?
- How can we encourage each other to live as God's children without becoming self-righteous?