

## Knowing God's Forgiveness Gives Us Power Over Sin

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### I. Review:

- A. Through the New Covenant, God forgives our sins (Heb 8:12).
- B. God forgives sins through the sacrifice of Jesus (Rom 3:23-25).
- C. Jesus often forgave people their sins without them asking.
- D. God's love causes Him to forgive our sins (Mic 7:18-20).
- E. Redemption is the forgiveness of sins (Eph 1:7; Col 1:13-14).
- F. Forgiveness of every sin occurred through the cross of Christ (Eph 4:32; Col 2:13-14; 1 John 2:12).
- G. God (His nature) is a forgiving God (Ps 130:2-4; Isa 43:24-25).
- H. Believers are forgiven (Acts 10:43; 26:16-18; Luke 1:77).
- I. We need to know that we are forgiven from all of our sin (1 John 2:1-2; Rom 5:6-10; 2 Cor 5:18-21).
- J. Grace righteousness is credited (not charged) to believers (Rom 4:1-8).
- H. When God forgives sins He also forgets them (Isa 43:25; Jer 50:20).

### II. Forgiveness of sins brings freedom from sin.

Acts 13:38-39 "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.

1 Cor 15:33-34 Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals." Become sober-minded as you ought, and stop sinning; for some have no knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.

1 John 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin

#### Cleansing from sin

Confession of sin brings forgiveness and cleansing from sin.

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

The day of atonement brought forgiveness and cleansing from sin.  
(Lev 16:30; Num 8:21; 19:9)

David prayed for cleansing of sin when he confessed his sin (Ps 51).

Ps 51:2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Ps 51:7 Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Ps 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

The prophet spoke of the day (Calvary) when God forgives and cleanses Israel (believers in Christ) from sin.

Zech 13:1 "In that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity. sin (Jer 33:8)

Isa 4:4 When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and purged the bloodshed of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning,

Ezek 22:15 "I will scatter you among the nations and I will disperse you through the lands, and I will consume your uncleanness from you. (Ezek 36:25, 29, 33; 37:23;)

Jesus died to redeem (forgive sin) and purify (cleanse sin) us for His own possession

Titus 3:5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

Titus 2:14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

John 15:3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

1 Cor 6:11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

Eph 5:26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

Heb 1:3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

We are forgiven and cleansed of sin for relationship with God and His people.

Heb 10:22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

1 John 1:7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Knowing forgiveness and cleansing of sin empowers us to serve the living God

Heb 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

1 Peter 1:22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,

2 Peter 1:9 For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.

### **III. Knowing forgiveness gives us the ability to forgive others.**

Col 3:12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

Eph 4:32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Matt 18:21-35 The parable of the unforgiving servant teaches us that receiving forgiveness equips us to forgive those who owe (have sinned against us) us.

Vs. 18-22 how many times should we forgive those who sin against us? Answer: "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

Vs. 23-34 the parable

Vs. 35 conclusion: "My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart."