

HOW BLESSED IS HE WHOSE TRANSGRESSION IS FORGIVEN!

Psalm 32:1-11

Oakridge Community Church

Questions for Consideration and Discussion

Introduction:

1. John 8:36
2. Psalm 51:8, 12, 10, 13-15

I. THE NATURE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

- A. God lifting sin up and taking it away – Psalm 32:1
- B. God covering sin – Psalm 32:1
- C. God not reckoning sin to one's account – Psalm 32:2
- D. God washing and cleansing from sin – Psalm 51:2
- E. God removing rebellious acts – Psalm 103:12
- F. God wiping out rebellious acts – Isaiah 43:25
- G. God removing condemnation – Romans 8:1
- H. God's wrath being satisfied – 1 John 2:1-2

II. THE COMPLETENESS OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

- A. He forgives sin in all its various forms & aspects – Exo. 34:6-7
 1. Iniquity – Exodus 20:5; Psalm 51:2
 2. Transgression
 3. Sin
- B. His purifying and washing is thorough – Psalm 51:7; Isaiah 1:18
- C. He will not hold sin against those He forgives – Isa. 43:25
- D. His pardon is abundant – Isaiah 55:7
- E. He removes sin far away – Ps. 103:12; Isa. 38:17; Micah 7:19
- F. He forgives all our transgressions – Colossians 2:13
- G. He cleanses f/ all sin when He cleanses – 1 John 1:8-9

III. THE BASIS OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

- A. His character – Exodus 34:6-7; Micah 7:18
- B. His sacrifice – Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:22, 26

IV. THE RECEPTION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

- A. Isaiah 55:6-7
- B. 1 John 1:9; John 13:8-10

Conclusion

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1. How much do you struggle with a sense of personal guilt? How has this struggle affected your Christian life and your worship of the Lord? How has it affected your interaction with others?
2. How fully have you experienced the freedom of forgiveness as described in Psalm 51?
3. God portrays His forgiveness in a variety of ways. Which of the descriptions He gives are most meaningful to you? Why?
4. Do you find yourself at times wondering if there are certain sins in your life which God has not or will not forgive? Does such a perspective evidence trust or unbelief in what He tells us about the completeness of His forgiveness?
5. Why does God forgive? Why can God forgive? How do these gospel truths give us solid hope and stabilizing confidence as we deal with guilt by confessing our sins to Him?
6. Why is it necessary and important for Christians to seek forgiveness on a continuing basis? In what ways do our initial forgiveness from God and our ongoing forgiveness from God differ?
7. What does it look like to leave your guilt at the cross? Are you ready to do so?