



Praying for Forgiveness

NorthRidge Church

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Truth for Life

For the week of November 4, 2018

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.. Psalm 32:1-2

Guilt – The Weight No One Can Bear

- Guilt destroys our _____.
- Guilt damages our _____.
- Guilt keeps us _____.

Forgiveness – Psalm 32

- 1) The _____ of Being Forgiven – vs. 1-2
- 2) The _____ of UnForgiveness – vs. 3-5
- 3) The _____ Found in Being Forgiven – vs. 6-7
- 4) The _____ for the Forgiven – vs. 8-11

Closing Thoughts ...

While it may not be Politically Correct, _____ is still _____ before God.

Forgiveness is the only solution to _____

Forgiveness from God is _____ and _____

The Skeletons in your closet may be Satan's _____ or God's _____.

1. What does it mean to be forgiven? What does it feel like? How does it differ from the feeling of guilt? Read Proverbs 28:13-14 and describe an experience where you saw these truths lived out.
2. What is the prerequisite to forgiveness? Does God require anything from us before He forgives? Consider Psalm 32:5 to assist with your answers.

Why is confession necessary for forgiveness? Why doesn't God, in his great grace, just forgive all sin in everybody, no strings attached? What do the following verses tell us about sin; God's view of it; and what confession does for us?

Habakkuk 1:13

Psalm 5:4-5

Leviticus 20:23

Isaiah 59:2

1 John 1:6-9

1 John 2:1-2

3. Where does repentance come into the forgiveness process? What is repentance? Why is it necessary?

Is repentance necessary to be forgiven? Or does forgiveness demand repentance? Is there a difference? God is in the business of not just covering our sins but also of shaping our characters. True or False? Where does repentance come into play in shaping our character?

4. Consider the Closing Thoughts from Sunday. Which of these catch your attention? Why? How is God desiring to use that in your life?
5. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.
 - a. Is guilt a major problem or not enough of a problem in our culture? Have we explained it all away?
 - b. How can we know whether our guilt is from God convicting us or from Satan accusing us?
 - c. Must confession involve contrition to be genuine? Cite biblical evidence.
 - d. How can we develop a tender conscience before God? Can our conscience be too tender?



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- Guilt damages our **Relationships**.
- Guilt keeps us **Stuck in the Past**.

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- 1) The **Delight** of Being Forgiven – vs. 1-2
- 2) The **Destructive Nature** of UnForgiveness – vs. 3-5
- 3) The **Deliverance** Found in Being Forgiven – vs. 6-7
- 4) The **Direction** for the Forgiven – vs. 8-11

Closing Thoughts ...

While it may not be Politically Correct, **Sin** is still **Deplorable** before God.

Forgiveness is the only solution to **Guilt**

Forgiveness from God is **Absolute** and **Complete**

The Skeletons in your closet may be Satan's **Greatest Weapon** or God's **Most Powerful Tool**.

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