

## Lesson 9: The Forgiveness of Sin

**Memory Verse:** "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

### I. Our Need for Forgiveness

1. How many of us need God to forgive our sins?

1 John 1:8 "If we \_\_\_\_\_ that we have no sin, we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves, and the \_\_\_\_\_ is not in us."

Why? Romans 3:23 "For \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_, and come \_\_\_\_\_ of the glory of God;"

E \_\_\_\_\_ needs forgiveness because \_\_\_\_\_ have sinned.

### II. Who Forgives Us?

2. Who only can forgive our sins? Mark 2:7

"Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but \_\_\_\_\_ only?"

3. Where do we find forgiveness? Psalm 130:3-4

"If \_\_\_\_\_, Lord, shouldest mark \_\_\_\_\_, O Lord, who shall \_\_\_\_\_?"

But there is \_\_\_\_\_ with thee, that thou mayest be feared."

4. Who provides the forgiveness? Ephesians 1:7

"In whom we have redemption through his \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins, according to the riches of his \_\_\_\_\_;"

A. Who provides the forgiveness? (see verse 5) \_\_\_\_\_

B. What did He give to provide it? (verse 7) His \_\_\_\_\_

5. Does God want to forgive us? Psalm 86:5

YES

NO

"For thou, Lord, art good, and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_; and plenteous in \_\_\_\_\_ unto all them that \_\_\_\_\_ upon thee."

6. How many of our sins will He forgive? \_\_\_\_\_

A. Colossians 2:13 "And you, being dead in your \_\_\_\_\_ and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ trespasses."

B. Psalm 103:3 "Who forgiveth \_\_\_\_\_ thine \_\_\_\_\_; who healeth all thy diseases."

C. Psalm 85:2 "Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered \_\_\_\_\_ their sin. "

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7. What does God promise to do with our sins?

A. Psalm 85:2 "Thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ the iniquity of thy people, thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ all their sin."

B. Micah 7:18-19 "Who is a God like unto thee, that \_\_\_\_\_ iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, he will have \_\_\_\_\_ upon us; he will \_\_\_\_\_ our iniquities; and thou wilt \_\_\_\_\_ all their sins into the depths of the \_\_\_\_\_."

### **III. What Must I Do?**

8. 1 John 1:9 "If we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

9. Proverbs 28:13 "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them shall have mercy."

10. Isaiah 55:7 "Let the wicked \_\_\_\_\_ his way, and the unrighteous man his \_\_\_\_\_: and let him \_\_\_\_\_ unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

11. 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall \_\_\_\_\_ themselves, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ my face, and \_\_\_\_\_ from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Turning from sin is the same as choosing to forsake it.

12. Let's put these 4 texts together. What must I do? I must C \_\_\_\_\_ and F \_\_\_\_\_ my sins. We need to forsake our W \_\_\_\_\_ ways and unrighteous \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord. God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves and pray and S \_\_\_\_\_ Him and T \_\_\_\_\_ away from our wicked ways.

### **IV. What Will God Do For Us?**

13. What will He give us? Acts 5:31.

"Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel, and \_\_\_\_\_ of sins."

14. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to \_\_\_\_\_ us our sins, and to \_\_\_\_\_ us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Isaiah 1:17-18 "Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as \_\_\_\_\_, they shall be as white as \_\_\_\_\_; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as \_\_\_\_\_."

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16. Ezekiel 36:25-27 "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be \_\_\_\_\_: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I \_\_\_\_\_ you. A new \_\_\_\_\_ also will I \_\_\_\_\_ you, and a new \_\_\_\_\_ will I put within you: and I will \_\_\_\_\_ the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will \_\_\_\_\_ you an heart of flesh. And I will put \_\_\_\_\_ spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my \_\_\_\_\_, and ye shall keep my judgments, and \_\_\_\_\_ them."

17. So let's put all these verses together. What does God do for us?

He gives us repentance. He F\_\_\_\_\_ us our sins. He C\_\_\_\_\_ us from all unrighteousness, all our filthiness, and all our I\_\_\_\_\_. He gives us a new \_\_\_\_\_ and a new \_\_\_\_\_ so that we can learn to do W\_\_\_\_\_. He gives us His \_\_\_\_\_ so that we can keep His commandments and \_\_\_\_\_ them.

**Note:** "The angels behold with **amazement** the **indifference** with which men hear these sacred truths. They look with **sorrow** upon those who **profess** to believe advanced truth, to see **how little they make manifest the fact that they are the purchase of the blood of the 'Lamb of God**, which taketh away the sin of the world.' **It is only through faith in the cleansing blood that we may have forgiveness of sin, that clings to us like a moral leprosy.** Jesus need not have suffered for himself, for 'he knew no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth;' yet he suffered agony in proportion to the purity and majesty of his character. Angels are **amazed** that those **for whom so much has been done** by the Son of God, **still continue to cherish sin.** The inexpressible sufferings of Christ were endured that the souls of men might be **saved from sin and its penalty.** Oh, why is it that men are **so indifferent?** Why is it that the plan of salvation is **so little mentioned** in our conversation? We dwell but lightly upon these vital truths, that mean so much to us, and **continue willing captives of Satan and sin.** Oh, that we might **cultivate habits** of contemplation of the self-sacrifice, self-denial, and love of Christ, until we should have a **deeper sense of the malignant character of sin**, and **hate it as the vile thing that it is!** Let the mind and heart awaken to gratitude, and **let us come to the Father in the name of Jesus, asking for the forgiveness of sins, for the cleansing from all unrighteousness.** Let us **plead with God** that he may 'cleansed us with hyssop,' **that we may be clean**, wash us, that we may be 'whiter than snow.' He will restore unto us the 'joy of his salvation,' put within us a new heart, a right spirit, put a 'new song' into our mouths, 'even praise unto our God.'" ST, Aug. 28, 1893 par. 9

"The end is near. Let our churches arise. Let the **converting power** of God be experienced in the **heart of the individual members**, and **then** we shall see the deep moving of the Spirit of God. **Mere forgiveness of sin is not the sole result of the death of Jesus.** He made the infinite sacrifice not only that sin might be removed, but that **human nature might be restored, rebeautified, reconstructed from its ruins, and made fit for the presence of God.**" 6MR 11.2