

Sermon Notes

By Forgiveness - 2Cor 5:19

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I. Introduction

Forgiveness is God's greatest gift because it meets our greatest need. David Platt

- a. explored a lot of truth about the Holy Spirit last week... He convinces believers of righteousness... guarantee of salvation... forever with you... helps you confess Jesus...
John 16:8-11... "HS will *convince* you of your righteousness..."
Eph 4:30... "sealed with HS when you believed... He is downpayment of inheritance..."
2Tim 1:14... "guard the good deposit of the Holy Spirit who lives in you..."
1Pet 4:14... "Spirit resting on you will *glorify, praise, magnify, celebrate Jesus*..."
- b. thought this would be 2-3 week series... as we dive deeper... God continues to show me ways to expand on the week before... lots of topics we could cover... but we're most interested in the ones that will truly make a difference in your life...
1Cor 2:2... "determined to know nothing among you... except Jesus and Him crucified..."
Eph 1:15-19... "pray God would give you Spirit of wisdom and revelation in knowledge of Him..."
Eph 3:16-19... "I pray... you may know God's love... experience Christ's love..."
Phil 1:9... "I pray your love will overflow more and more... know what really matters..."
Phil 3:10... "my goal is to know Him..."
Col 1:9... "I pray... you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will..."
- c. clear understanding of biblical forgiveness is one of those topics worth covering... *pray*...
Acts 26:17-18... "sending you to open their eyes... so they may receive forgiveness of sins..."
1John 2:12... "I am writing... your sins have been forgiven on account of His name..."

II. By Forgiveness

- a. What is Forgiveness?
APA: intentional, voluntary decision to let go of resentment, bitterness and revenge...
Bible: send away or dismiss; more than not being angry; completely letting go of debt or sin...
Neh 9:17... "You are a God of forgiveness... slow to anger... gracious, merciful..."
Psa 25:11... "Lord, for the sake of Your name... forgive my sin, it is immense..."
Psa 130:4... "with You, there is forgiveness... so that You may be revered..."
Dan 9:9... "compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord... though we have rebelled..."
salah... forgive, pardon...
Matt 26:28... "this is the blood of the NC... it is shed for the forgiveness of sins..."
Luke 1:77... "give His people knowledge of salvation... thru forgiveness of their sins..."
Acts 10:43... "everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins..."
Eph 1:7... "in Him... thru His blood... we have forgiveness of sins... thru grace..."
aphesis... release from bondage; cancel penalty; let go as if they have never been committed...
- b. Forgiveness is Complete
all your sins are forgiven... past, present, future... many believe only their past sins are forgiven... present and future must be confessed... all our sins were future at the cross...
Psa 103... "do not forget all His benefits... forgives all sins... removes as far as east from west..."
Mark 3:28... "people will be forgiven for all sins and whatever blasphemies they utter..."
kol / pas... individually; each, every, any, all, the whole, all things, everything...
John 19:30... "it is finished..."

- c. How Complete?
God absolutely, totally, completely does not remember the thing you did... it gets better... even the thought of the thing never crosses His mind... sees you as perfect as Jesus...
Heb 8:12; 10:17... "I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds..."
ou me... no, never, cannot; absolute denial of the thing or the thought of the thing (Thayer)...
1John 4:17... "love is complete... because as Jesus is, so are we in this world..."
- d. Conditional or Unconditional?
OC forgiveness is conditional... *forgive* almost always verb... *do* something for it...
NC forgiveness is unconditional... almost always noun... person, place, thing...
Matt 6:14-15... "if you forgive (v), God will forgive you... if you don't, He won't..."
Mark 11:25... "when you pray, forgive (v) others... so your Father will forgive you..."
Acts 5:31... "God exalted Him to be Savior... and grant forgiveness (n) of sins..."
Acts 13:38... "thru this Man forgiveness (n) of sins is being proclaimed to you..."
- e. Future or Past?
OC pointed to a future forgiveness... NC points to a past forgiveness at the cross...
Psa 51... "blot out my guilt... cleanse me from sin... my sin is always before me..."
Isa 43:25... "I... yes, I alone... will blot out your sins for My sake..."
Jer 31:33-34... "this is covenant I will make... I will forgive and never again remember their sins..."
Eph 4:32... "forgive each other... just as God also forgave you in Christ..."
Col 1:13-14... "He has rescued us... purchased our freedom... forgave our sins..."
Col 2:13; 3:13... "He forgave all our sins... forgive others just as the Lord has forgiven you..."
- f. Who is Forgiven?
careful of *etp*... whole world... not everyone is saved, but everyone can be saved because of what Jesus has done... personal choice to believe and receive forgiveness...
John 1:29... "behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world..."
2Cor 5:17-21... "He was reconciling the world... not counting their sins against them..."
Heb 7:27... "Jesus offered Himself as the sacrifice for the people's sins..."
1John 2:2... "He Himself is the sacrifice for sins... not only ours, but whole world..."
kosmos... ungodly multitude alienated from God, hostile to Christ; inhabitants of earth...
- g. No Forgiveness
are there any sins God won't forgive... yes, one... blasphemy against HS... He points us to Jesus... if you reject that... can't and won't be forgiven... everyone has to choose...
Matt 12:31-32... "be forgiven every sin and blasphemy... except blasphemy against HS... anyone who speaks against the Son can be forgiven... whoever speaks against HS will not be forgiven..."
Mark 3:28-29... "forgiven all sins... but whoever blasphemes HS never has forgiveness..."
John 3:36... "one who rejects the Son will not see life... wrath of God remains on him..."
John 16:8-11... "the world's sin is that it refuses to believe in Me..."
Heb 10:26... "if you deliberately go on sinning... no longer a sacrifice for sins..."
- h. How are we Forgiven?
blood... no forgiveness without blood... goats covered sin... Jesus removes completely...
Exo 29:30... "once a year... offer blood of sin offering for atonement..."
Rom 3:20-26... "justified freely by grace... thru sacrifice of Jesus' blood..."
Heb 9... "with His own blood... once for all... obtained eternal redemption... without blood there is no forgiveness... He did not do this many times... but one time for the removal of sin..."
Rev 1:5... "He has freed us from our sins by shedding His blood for us..."
- i. only requirement for forgiveness is sin... God offers completely, totally, freely... *pray*...
Isa 55:7... "return to the Lord... for He will freely forgive..."
Rom 5:15... "God's wonderful grace and gift of forgiveness... thru Jesus Christ..."
James 5:15... "if he committed any sins... he will be forgiven... therefore confess..."