

## **The Wonderful Forgiveness of God**

### **Introduction**

Where would we be w/o Jesus Christ? If it weren't for Christ mankind would be in a helpless state as far as forgiveness is concerned. The gospel is good news! Man, by God's grace, through the cleansing blood of Jesus can be forgiven.

### **I. God is a forgiving Father!**

- A. Throughout the Scriptures we read that God is a God who pardons.
  - 1. Micah 7:8; Psa. 85:2; 1 Jhn. 1:8-10.
- B. God is ready to give pardon to those who are willing to come to Him on His terms.
- C. God will abundantly pardon the sinner – Isa 55:7
- D. Jesus talks about the forgiveness of God in the parable of the prodigal son. LK. 15:11-32
- E. Numerous texts in Scripture show us the mercy of God!
  - 1. Psa. 103:8-11; 145:8-9; Eph. 2:4-10

### **II. God will forgive the vilest of Sinners!**

- A. 1 Jhn. 1:8-10 – God has promised to forgive us of all sin!
  - 1. Isa. 1:18 – Though your sin be as scarlet.
  - 2. Psa. 51:2 – thoroughly means that God will wash the sin over and over.
  - 3. Eph. 3:14-19 – God's love will reach down to men in the lowest sphere of life & in the deepest abyss of guilt!
- B. Scriptures show us example of vilest offenders being forgiven!
  - 1. People on day of Pentecost – Acts 2:22-47 – they killed Christ!
  - 2. Corinthian brethren – 1 Cor. 6:9-11 – they desired to fulfill all the lusts of the flesh b/f they were Christians.
  - 3. Paul – 1 Tim. 1:13-15 – formerly a murderer of Christians!

### **III. When God forgives us – We Need to Forgive Ourselves!**

- A. How many of us “beat ourselves up” after we commit sin?
- B. Many try to “pay a cancelled debt.”
- C. David forgave himself! David sinned. Terribly! 2 Sam. 11-12
  - 1. Psa. 51 – God forgave Him – v. 1-4; 9-10
  - 2. And it seems he overcame the sense of guilt attached to the sin. Psa. 23 was written sometime after the events in 2 Sam.

### **IV. Forgiveness Does Not Take Away Consequences of Sin!**

- A. David – 2 Sam. 12:13; 16:22
- B. Moses – Deut. 34:1-6
- C. Gal. 6:7-8 – Sowing we will reap. Num. 32:23- our sins will find us out!

### **V. Forgiveness is Conditional!**

- A. Alien sinners will be forgiven upon meeting certain conditions set forth by God. Heb. 5:8-9 – those who live in obedience to God!
- B. Christians can be forgiven of their sin upon meeting certain conditions.
  - 1. Only after a genuine repentance and...
  - 2. Confession of sin.

### **Conclusion**

- A. Forgiveness of sin is ONLY found in Jesus Christ. Jhn. 1:29
- B. Have you come to Christ to receive forgiveness?