

THE SAME: FORGIVENESS – #3

Heb. 13:8; Mic. 7:18,19, et al

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SLIDE 1 – COVER SLIDE – *I am an overthinker; keep it simple as its intended to be*

SLIDE 2 – HEBREWS 13:8 – JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME...

- Reminder – that which we SEE, KNOW, etc... about Christ = SAME infinity
 - Christ in MY image or as revealed in Scripture/Gospels?
 - DEPENDABLE – we can KNOW how we will be received by Christ

SLIDE 3 – THE SAME...

- SAME?: Something that is **consistent, dependable, reliable, unfailing, unchanging, faithful, enduring, stable, secure, steadfast, etc...**
- Jesus Christ the Same – what does that mean to us?
 - Anchor, dependability, surety, life-navigation (north star)
 - The answer ALWAYS is “cry out to Jesus” – dependable, faithful, good
- We NEED Christ – not best efforts – *forgiven & saved by grace, through faith*

SLIDE 4 – ALL GOD’S ATTRIBUTES ARE CONNECTED

- Oversimplification → pull out individual attributes & treat like island (we define)
 - E.g. Love (justice, mercy, grace, unconditional, consistent, truth, etc.)
 - Keep it in mind – the system/interconnected & complex
- TODAY – Forgiveness (grace, mercy, justice, repentance, love, faithfulness)

SLIDE 5 – ID THE GIVENS – *Geometry & proofs – THIS is why we’re doing*

- GIVENS – As revealed in Scripture (ARIS) – not arbitrarily picked out/selected
- The Church – traditional, orthodox – BIGGER than us or Western Christianity
 - We don’t OWN the Christian tradition – just brothers & sisters, **Gen 12**
- Humanity is sinful & bent towards sin from the beginning
 - **Ps. 53:1-3/Rom. 3** – *none righteous, not one, all have turned away*
 - **Rom. 3:23** – *all sinned & fall short of glory of God/justified by grace*
 - **Rom. 6:23** – *wages of sin = death, gift of God = eternal life in Christ*
 - **Jn 14:6** – *Way, Truth, Life – no one to Father except through Christ*
 - **Acts 4:12** – *salvation only available through Name of Jesus Christ*

SLIDE 6 – FORGIVENESS → RELATIONSHIP W/GOD

God's heart is not to hold some moral stance far above people who fail. It is to make a way for them to engage in relationship with him. In spite of what they have done by paying the way himself

- **Gen 3** – Adam & Eve – blood sacrifice – God clothed them w/animal skins
- **Gen 4** – Cain & Abel – sacrifices – sheep vs. crops
- Torah & Levitical system – payment for sin/means to relationship w/God
 - Incomplete – only effective til more sins occur; futility; need Lamb of God
- **John 1** – JTB – Behold ,Jesus, the Lamb of God, takes away sin of the world

SLIDES 7,8 – MICAH 7:18,19 – ETERNAL

SLIDE 9 – WHO IS LIKE OUR GOD?

- Micah – Who is a God like you? You deal with our sins/brokenness by pardoning our sin, forgiving our wrongs
 - God's heart to His people ≠ anger; He delights to show MERCY
 - Not arbitrary, not vindictive, not unpredictable – REDEEMS & RESTORES

SLIDE 10-13 – ACTS 4:11,12; 13:38,39

SLIDE 14 – TRUE FORGIVENESS IN CHRIST

- Perfectly replaces the sacrificial system – Jesus, Lamb of God (Passover Lamb)
- Sanhedrin – stop this “in Jesus’ Name” business – Peter, James, John
 - **No, no other name but Name of Jesus** – salvation, life, hope, healing
- Apostle Paul – Jesus *fulfills* Law of Moses req. & forgives our sins COMPLETELY
 - Jesus offers true forgiveness for ALL who believe & receive
 - Saved by grace, through faith – *‘the forgiveness of sins granted by the GOODNESS of God, apart from a person’s merit.’*

SLIDES 15-19 – 1JOHN 1:5-10

SLIDE 20 – WALK IN THE LIGHT

- This is the message (& the Way to forgiveness & relationship w/God, in Christ)
- God is LIGHT – no darkness; if I (claim to) walk w/Him, CAN'T walk in darkness
 - If I do, I deceive myself, & don't have relationship w/God – in my head(?)
- If I walk in the light (w/Him as my example of the LIGHT) – I will have fellowship with Him & with others walking in the light (bros & sis)
 - If I say I'm w/o sin, I'm in the dark; but if I OWN IT & confess/repent...
 - Christ is FAITHFUL & JUST & will FORGIVE sins & PURIFY from ALL sin...

SLIDE 21 – REPENTANCE → MAKE THE CHANGE – *as a lifestyle*

- What do I believe about forgiveness in Christ? Getting right with God?
 - Repentance = **change of heart, mind, actions → in the LIGHT**
 - Owing the wrong I've done/done to me – asking Christ to forgive covers over/pays for ALL sin & wrong (allows for restoration)
- Repentance is enriching, strengthening, equipping – humility/soft hearts
 - Responding to HS call to our hearts → relationship w/Christ

SLIDE 22 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?

SLIDE 23 – THE BLESSING – NUMBERS 6:22-27

- **Numbers 6:22-27** *The LORD bless you & keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you & be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you & give you peace. “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”*

SLIDE 24 – PRAYER IS AVAILABLE