

5 Day Devotional
September 6, 2026 AM Sermon
“Being forgiven changes everything Pt. 2”

Day 1: The One Sacrifice That Was Enough

Reading: Hebrews 10:10-14

Devotional: Many believers carry the quiet fear that their sins are too many or too great for God's forgiveness to fully cover. But Hebrews 10 makes the case plainly: Jesus offered one sacrifice, once, for sins forever. He did not die for most of your failures or some of your shortcomings. He died for all of them. The fact that He then sat down signals that the work is finished. Nothing remains to be added. You are not fighting toward a victory that is uncertain. You are living in a victory that has already been secured. Rest in that today.

Application: Write down one sin or failure you have struggled to believe God has forgiven. Pray over it specifically, then set the paper aside as a physical act of surrender.

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Day 2: Perfected and Being Made New

Reading: Hebrews 10:14; Romans 8:28-30

Devotional: Hebrews 10:14 presents a truth that is both humbling and liberating: through Christ's offering, believers have been perfected forever, even while the ongoing work of sanctification continues. Salvation is a finished declaration. Sanctification is a lifelong process. God does not view you through the lens of who you were yesterday. He sees you through the righteousness of His Son while simultaneously working to shape you into that image. You are not a project God might abandon. You are a work He has committed to completing. The potter does not walk away from the clay. He stays at the wheel.

Application: Identify one habit or discipline, such as daily Scripture reading or prayer, that would help you cooperate with the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit this week.

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Day 3: God's Forgiveness Is Not Like Ours

Reading: Hebrews 10:15-17; Psalm 103:10-12;
Jeremiah 31:34

Devotional: Human forgiveness is often incomplete. We say the words, but our memories keep a record. When someone wrongs us again, the old wound resurfaces immediately. We project that same pattern onto God, assuming He reviews our file every time we fail. But Scripture says otherwise. Psalm 103 describes God removing our sins as far as the east is from the west. Jeremiah 31 records God declaring that He will remember our sins no more. Hebrews 10:17 echoes this promise directly. God's forgiveness is not reluctant, partial, or temporary. When He forgives, He forgets. That is not weakness. That is the nature of divine grace.

Application: The next time a past sin surfaces in your mind, speak this truth aloud: "God has forgiven this and remembers it no more." Practice redirecting your thoughts to what God says rather than what your memory rehearses.

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Day 4: The Holy Spirit as Witness and Guide

Reading: Hebrews 10:15-16; John 16:13; Romans 8:14-16

Devotional: One of the most overlooked gifts of salvation is the indwelling Holy Spirit. He is not a distant voice or an occasional visitor. He is the one who writes God's law on the hearts and minds of believers, as Hebrews 10:16 describes. He is the one who confirms to your spirit that you belong to God, as Romans 8 makes clear. When you are uncertain of God's will, when your mind wanders, when doubt creeps in, the Spirit is there to guide, convict, and reassure. Confusion about God's direction is often a signal to examine whether unconfessed sin is creating static in that relationship. Repentance clears the line.

Application: Set aside fifteen minutes today in silence. No music, no phone, no distraction. Simply ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind anything that needs to be confessed or surrendered, and respond honestly to what He reveals.

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Day 5: Come Home -- The Father Is Watching

Reading: Luke 15:11-24; Romans 5:6-11

Devotional: The parable of the prodigal son is not primarily a story about a rebellious child. It is a portrait of a waiting father. The son had squandered everything, reached the lowest point imaginable, and still the father was watching the road. When the son returned, the father did not review the list of failures. He ran. He embraced. He celebrated. Romans 5 reinforces this picture, reminding us that God demonstrated His love toward us while we were still sinners. You do not have to clean yourself up before returning to God. You return to God so that He can clean you up. The door is open. The father is watching. Come home.

Application: If you have been spiritually distant, take the step of returning to a consistent practice of prayer and Scripture reading this week. If you are not yet a believer, consider speaking with a pastor or trusted Christian about what it means to place your faith in Jesus Christ.