

“Forgiven and Free”

Psalm 32:1-5

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Introduction:

- A. “The hardest person for me to forgive is _____.”
- B. Interesting: there are _____ Bible verses telling us that we need to forgive _____.
- C. The question for us is: will we _____ and _____ in God’s promised forgiveness more than we trust in our _____.

I. The Promise of God’s Forgiveness is that it is _____ and _____.

- A. Consider these verses: 1 John 1:9; Hebrews 8:12; Psalm 32:1, 5; 103:12; Micah 7:18-19.
- B. The Mariana Trench is the deepest part of the ocean - it’s over _____ feet deep.
 - 1. Micah tells us that God casts all our sins into the _____ of the _____.
- C. When Jesus died on the cross, He paid for _____.
- D. The goal is to believe God’s _____ and _____ that we are forgiven.

II. Understand that Condemnation Comes from the _____, but Conviction Comes from the _____.

- A. Romans 8:1 - There is _____ condemnation for those who are _____ Christ Jesus.
- B. When thoughts of guilt and shame flood our minds and hearts, then we have to push back with the realities of the _____.

III. Be Reminded that Even Great People of _____ Had to Overcome Their _____.

- A. Can you imagine the kinds of regret and shame that _____ had to overcome?
- B. Can you imagine the kinds of regret and shame that _____ had to overcome?
- C. Can you imagine the kinds of regret and shame that _____ had to overcome?

IV. _____ Keeps us Looking Backward, but _____ Calls Us Forward.

- A. Satan’s _____ and shame keep us looking backward, but God’s _____ and grace calls us forward and sets us _____. (Isa. 43:18-19)

V. God’s Way to Forgiveness and _____.

- A. First, we must become _____ of God and _____ of Jesus (Rom. 3:23-24; Titus 3:3-7; Acts 2:38-39; Gal. 3:26-27)
- B. Once we are in Christ and we sin, then we can deal with it in these ways:
 - 1. _____ honestly
 - 2. _____ God’s forgiveness
 - 3. _____ from falling and failing
 - 4. Make _____
 - 5. Walk forward in _____

Answer Key: Intro. A. me. B. no, ourselves. Receive, trusts, feelings. I. Complete, Final. I.B. 36,000. I.B.1. depths, sea. I.C. every, sin. I.D. verdict, promise. II. Enemy, Spirit. II.A. no, in. II.B. Gospel. III. Faith, Regrets. III.A. Peter. III.B. Paul. III.C. David. IV. Shame, Grace. IV.A. accusations, forgiveness, free. V. Freedom. V.A. children, disciples. V.B.1. Confess. V.B.2. Accept. V.B.3. Learn. V.B.4. Restitution. V.B.5. obedience.