

Petra Christian Fellowship
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(Psalm 32) "Fully Enjoying Forgiveness"

1. He "COVERS SIN" (v. 1-2)

- The most common word for "sin" means "*missing the mark*"—describing *well-intentioned archers who just can't hit the target.*
 - Romans 3:23- "*All have sinned & fallen short of the glory of God*"
 - "*Fall short*"—to drop out of a race; fail to reach the goal—to live "*less than*" you were made to live.

Augustine- "*Man's most debilitating expression of sin is not his pride. Rather, it is his unwillingness to be everything he was intended to be.*"

- Adam & Eve failed to "walk worthy" of their calling.
 - On one hand, they "overachieved." Rather than valuing their God-given place—they sought to become "as (*in the place of*) God"!
 - Yet, on the other hand, they "underachieved" by abdicating their place of authority to the enemy—an inferior creature over whom they were to "exercise dominion"!
 - Romans 1:25- They believed "THE LIE"—
 - That God was "less than" He said He was
 - That they were "less than" who He created them to be

"COVERING sin"—"*to hide, conceal, & overwhelm*" (*to bring a decisive end to open shame & internal regret*) NOTE: David had firsthand experience with shame & regret

2. He moves us to CONVICTION, CONFESSION, & FORGIVENESS (v. 3-5)

- Whether INTENTIONAL or not—all sin has DESTRUCTIVE EFFECTS
 - Archers miss the mark unintentionally!
 - i.e., car accidents—unintentional, but you must take responsibility for your part
- It is VITAL that we TAKE RESPONSIBILIITY FOR IT (i.e., "confess it") even when it was "not our intent" to do it. (*Must move beyond the "but I didn't mean to" impasse*)

CONVICTION is not CONDEMNATION--CONFESSION is not EXPLAINING & EXCUSING--FORGIVENESS is not PROBATION

3. He then GIVES US A NEW SONG (v. 6-7)

“Songs”- triumphant shouts; uninhibited expressions in response to clear revelations

“Deliverance”- complete escape from the control of another

(i.e., Malachi 4:2; Acts 3:8; “shout for joy” 20+ times in OT/NT)

NOTE: Varied expression—born out of a deep impression of DELIVERANCE (the enemy’s control over our life has been “dissolved” (to break the yoke & grind into powder)—Jesus now rules—and we “reign with Him in this life” Romans 5:17; “seated with Him in heavenly places (now)” Ephesians 2:6)

4. He makes us a NEW STRUCTURE (v. 8-10)

He “instructs” is more than gaining information—Lit.- *“to build a structure”*

- **“Shekinah” (more than a glory cloud)—means “the dwelling place of a God who dwells”. The “temple of the HS” is YOU!!!**
- **We “were darkness”—Now “we are light in the Lord” (Eph. 5:8)! (NOTE: Those oppressed in demonic darkness often see believers as “the shining ones!” They perceive the glory/presence of God.)**
- **Dwelling in Him—as He dwells in us—we learn to “trust Him” as we “experience His unfailing love”!**

5. He causes us to SHINE (v. 11)

Psalm 32:10-11 TPT- “So my conclusion is this: Many are the sorrows and frustrations of those who don’t come clean with God. BUT when you trust in the Lord for forgiveness, His wrap-around love will surround you! So, Celebrate the goodness of God! He shows His kindness to everyone who is His! Go ahead—shout for joy, all you upright ones who want to please Him!”

FEAR HIDES—but mature love SHINES!

- **Judges 7:13-17- Gideon—who once hid in fear, confessing he was the weakest link of the weakest tribe—stood outside of the Midianite camp and “worshipped”- “to boldly declare agreement with God”**
- **Psalm 107:2- “Say so!!!”**

CLOSING THOUGHT:

David celebrated these results of an “old covenant”—but we have a “better covenant” in Jesus:

From sins “covered”→ “cleansed from all unrighteousness” (1 Jn. 1:9)

From enemy detained→ Jesus “triumphing” (Col. 2:15)

From “songs of joy”→ “fullness of His joy”

From going to the temple→ being His temple