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**TIME OF REFLECTION**

“When I kept silence. When through neglect I failed to confess, or through despair dared not do so, my bones, those solid pillars of my frame, the stronger portions of my bodily constitution, waxed old, began to decay with weakness, for my grief was so intense as to sap my health and destroy my vital energy. What a killing thing is sin! It is a pestilent disease! A fire in the bones! While we smother our sin it rages within, and like a gathering wound swells horribly and torments terribly.”

~Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892) on Psalm 32, *The Treasury of David*

“And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Not only was the sin itself pardoned, but the iniquity of it; the virus of its guilt was put away, and that at once, so soon as the acknowledgment was made. God’s pardons are deep and thorough: the knife of mercy cuts at the roots of the ill weed of sin.”

~Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892) on Psalm 32, *The Treasury of David*

“The more eminently that any one excels in holiness, the farther he feels himself from perfect righteousness, and the more clearly he perceives that he can trust in nothing but the mercy of God alone.”

~John Calvin (1509-1564) on Psalm 32, *Commentary on Psalms*

“When they have begun to devote themselves to God, he accepts the upright disposition of their hearts equally as if it were pure and perfect; for faith not only reconciles a man to God, but also sanctifies whatever is imperfect in him, so that by the free grace of God, he becomes righteous who could never have obtained so great a blessing by any merit of his own.”

~John Calvin (1509-1564) on Psalm 32, *Commentary on Psalms*

“Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

‘Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.’”

~Romans 4:4-8 (ESV)

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## *Worship through the Word*

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**SERMON** – “From Depression to Delight: The Freedom of Gospel Forgiveness”

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**SERMON PASSAGE** – *Psalm 32 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup>Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

<sup>2</sup>Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

<sup>3</sup>For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*

<sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

<sup>6</sup>Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.

<sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. *Selah*

<sup>8</sup>I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

<sup>9</sup>Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.

<sup>10</sup>Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

<sup>11</sup>Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!