

THE FORGIVENESS OF GOD

PSALMS 32

When it comes to understanding who God is, we often make the mistake of viewing God based on how we view ourselves. We all have faults and areas where we have come up short, and if we are not careful, we end up with a view of God that looks a lot like us. When this happens, it affects the way we relate with Him. This is seen in a big way when it comes to God's forgiveness. The way you and I forgive is very different from God's Forgiveness. Some of us may struggle in our relationship with God because we have defined God's forgiveness based on who we are instead of who He is! Today we carry around the weight of our guilt and shame as believers, and this is not the life Jesus speaks of when He invites us into a relationship with him.

In Psalm 32, we see that David has had his joy restored for his year of carrying around the guilt and shame from his sins. David experienced the forgiveness of God! He starts by showing us what comes with God's Forgiveness. From here, he opens our eyes to what conviction looks like in the life of a Jesus Follower, followed by how we can experience this forgiveness in our own life that only comes through Him!

Psalms 32: 1-5 ESV

1. WHAT IS FORGIVENESS?

A. God's forgiveness REMOVES the guilt of our sin

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven... (v.1)

Psalm 103:12

B. God's forgiveness COVERS the shame of our sin

"... whose sin is covered!" (v.1b)

Micah 7:18-19 - ESV

C. God's forgiveness WIPES CLEAN the record of my sin

"How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity..." (v. 2a)

Isaiah 43:25

2. HOW IS THIS FORGIVENESS POSSIBLE?

Colossians 2:13-14 NLT

3. How do I experience this Forgiveness?

PSALMS 32:5

ACKNOWLEDGED – MAKE KNOWN

DID NOT HIDE –UNCOVER

CONFESSED – AGREE WITH

QUESTIONS:

1. Do you ever find yourself defining who God is based on who you are?
2. Would you say there is an area of your life where you carry the guilt and shame from sin in your life?
3. When James talked about removing our sin as far as the east is to the west, what did you think?
4. When James used the box of paper as an example, how did that make you feel?
5. How has your view of God's forgiveness changed through Psalms 32?
6. Are you living your life in verse 11 or stuck in verses 3-4?

The forgiveness of God covers, conceals, and hides away my shame so that I am not viewed by God in heaven as someone who does not measure up. He has covered me with His grace and sees me as His loved child, and I am pleasing in His eyes.