



# Forgiveness

- ❖ *Aphiemi* - (*apo*, "from," *hiemi*, "to send"); "to send forth, send away"; "to remit or forgive" (VINE) (cf. Psalm 103:12)
- ❖ *Charizomai* - 1) to do something pleasant or agreeable (to one), to do a favor to, gratify; 1 b) to grant forgiveness, to pardon. (THAYER)

# The Need

## The Sin of Man

- ❖ All have sinned – *Romans 3:23; 1 John 3:4; Ecclesiastes 12:13*
- ❖ The need for forgiveness is universal, but is on an individual basis – *Ezekiel 18:20*
- ❖ The gospel convicts each individual of sin to emphasize their need for forgiveness – *Romans 3:9, 19-20; 11:32*

# The Need

## The Penalty of Sin

- ❖ The wages of sin is death – *Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1-2; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9*
- ❖ All sin will be punished equally – *Revelation 21:8*

# The Desire

## **Forgiveness Must be Desired to be Obtained**

- ❖ Not all desire forgiveness.
  - ❖ Pride/self-righteousness – *Luke 18:11-12;*  
*James 4:6-10*
  - ❖ Blinded by Satan and his devices – *2 Corinthians 4:3-4*

# The Desire

## **The Desire for a Pure Conscience**

- ❖ The guilt of sin weighs on the soul – *Psalm 32:3-4*
- ❖ It is always before the tender heart, and such seeks relief – *Psalm 51:3-4, 10*
- ❖ A good conscience leads to confidence with God – *1 John 3:20-21*

## **The Desire for Restored Favor with God**

– *Psalm 51:12; 2 Chronicles 7:14*

# The Origin

## The Main Victim

- ❖ Forgiveness is to be sought from the person you offended - *Matthew 5:23-24*
- ❖ However, in any sin God is the main victim - *Psalm 51:4; Genesis 39:9*
- ❖ Forgiveness from another may not be possible. Forgiveness of self is truly meaningless. Only forgiveness from God can truly rectify sin.

# The Price

## Blood

- ❖ No remission without shed blood – *Hebrews 9:22*  
 (“remission” – *aphesis* – “forgiveness,” NASB)
- ❖ Life is in the blood – *Leviticus 17:11; 4:15-20* – atonement and forgiveness provided.
- ❖ Blood of animals is insufficient – *Hebrews 10:1-4*



# The Price

## The Blood of Christ

- ❖ How much more shall the blood of Christ cleanse the conscience from dead works? - *Hebrews 9:11-14; 10:11-18* ("remission," 9:22)
- ❖ Blood of Christ is the purchase price - *Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19*
- ❖ Forgiveness should not be taken for granted - *Hebrews 10:26-29*

# The Purpose

## **The Glory of God**

- ❖ To the praise of the glory of God – *Ephesians 1:3-7, 12*
- ❖ Appeal to God's nature for forgiveness – *Psalms 51:1*
- ❖ The gospel plan of salvation leading to forgiveness is of Him, through Him, and TO Him – *Romans 11:32-36*

## **The Restoration of Man to the Glory of God**

- ❖ The church is to the glory of God – *Colossians 1:13-14; Ephesians 3:20-21*

# The Range

**The range of God's forgiveness can be understood with the purpose of such.**

❖ Limited mercy? – *Psalm 103:17*

❖ Limited power? – *Matthew 19:25-26*

**The only sin that cannot be forgiven is the one without repentance** – *1 John 5:16-17*

# The Conditions

**Repentance** - *Ezekiel 18:20-23; Luke 13:5*

**Confession** - *Romans 3:3-4; 1 John 1:9; Proverbs 28:13*

**Obedience to the gospel** - *Romans 1:16-17; 3:21-26; 2 Thessalonians 1:8; Mark 16:15-16*

**Forgiveness of others** - *Matthew 6:12, 14-15; 18:21-25; Ephesians 4:32*

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