

# THE "HOW DO WE GET FROM HERE TO HEAVEN" SERIES

## ROMANS 12:1-2

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### HOW DOES GOD FORGIVE OUR SIN ?

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#### Romans 12:1-2

I **beseech** (urge, personally challenge, plead) you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **that you present** your **bodies** a living sacrifice, **holy, acceptable** to God, *which is* your reasonable service. :2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

#### Colossians 1:13-14

It is God who has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, :14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, Even the forgiveness of our sins.

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### 1.) Forgiveness is God's idea

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## FORGIVENESS IS GOD'S IDEA

### 1a.) It's not of this world

What do I mean when I say, "It's not of this world"?

The very concept, the idea is not human, it's not of this world.  
It speaks of a morality that is contrary to what we want when someone hurts us or wrongs us. - - We, by nature want vengeance!

*"To Err is Human, To Forgive is Divine"*

#### John 3:16

For God so loved the (this) world that He gave (once and for all) His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

#### 1 John 3:16

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

## FORGIVENESS IS GOD'S IDEA

### 1b.) It's larger than life

How is Forgiveness Larger Than Life ?

#### 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. :18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, :19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

## FORGIVENESS IS GOD'S IDEA

### 1c.) It's humanly impossible

By “Humanly Impossible” I Mean This...

That It takes **the Love of God** in our hearts  
To forgive a person of the wrong that they have done to us.



It is equally impossible for us to receive His forgiveness  
**Without His aide...**

**Ephesians 2:5-9**

For He made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our transgressions it is by **grace** you have been saved. :6 God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, :7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the exceeding riches of his grace, revealed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. :8 For it is by **grace** you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is **the gift** of God :9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

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**2.) Forgiveness must be relational**

**2a.) It creates a dialogue**

**Isaiah 1:18**

“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the LORD, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

**Psalms 51:1-13**

Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. :2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. :3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin *is* always before me. :4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done *this* evil in Your sight - - That You may be found just when You

speaking, *And* blameless when You judge. :5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, *And* in sin my mother conceived me. :6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, *And* in the hidden *part* You will make me to know wisdom. :7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. :8 Make me hear joy and gladness, *That* the bones You have broken may rejoice. :9 Hide Your face from my sins, *And* blot out all my iniquities. :10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *And* renew a steadfast spirit within me. :11 Do not cast me away from Your presence, *And* do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. :12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, *And* uphold me *by* Your generous Spirit. :13 *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, *And* sinners shall be converted to You.

## FORGIVENESS MUST BE RELATIONAL

### 2b.) It restores what was broken

#### Luke 17:3-5

Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. :4 *And* if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, "I repent," you shall forgive him." :5 *And* the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

#### Ephesians 4:30-32

*And* do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. :31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. :32 *And* be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

## FORGIVENESS MUST BE RELATIONAL

### 2c.) It maintains the fellowship

**It's Part of the Lord's Pattern for Prayer...**

#### Matthew 6:12

*And* forgive us our debts, *As* we forgive our debtors.

### Matthew 18:15-17

“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. :16 But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that *“by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.”* :17 And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the church. (the eldership) But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. - - Because Repentance is Required

### Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” :22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

### 1 John 1:8-9

:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. :9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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### 3.) Forgiveness has its requirements

#### 3a.) It's offered by the offended

### Genesis 3:21

for Adam and his wife the LORD God made **tunics** (robes, coverings) **of skin**, and **clothed** them. – **who's skin? Something died !!!**

### Romans 5:5-8

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. :6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. :7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. :8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

# FORGIVENESS HAS ITS REQUIREMENTS

## 3b.) It's based on a price being paid

### 1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also **suffered** once for sins, the **just** for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to **death** in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

### 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.  
:2 And He Himself is the **propitiation** for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

**hilasterion**, *hil-as-tay'-ree-on*; an atoning victim, the sacrifice, the mercy seat, (which was the lid of the Ark of the covenant in the holy of holies)

### 1 Timothy 2:5-6

For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the Man* Christ Jesus, :6 who gave Himself a ransom for all,

## 3c.) It's dependent upon repentance

### To The Believer...

### Isaiah 59:1-2

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. :2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden *His* face from you, So that He will not hear.

### 1 John 1:5-9

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. :6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. :7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. :8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. :9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## To The Unbeliever...

### **Romans 3:23**

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  
*(coming up short at best, always spiritually bankrupted before God)*

### **Matthew 4:17**

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say,  
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

**Re-Dedications to the Altar**

**New Believers to the Altar**

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