

FORGIVENESS

A Forgiving God

John 8:1-11

- 1 Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives,
- 2 but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them.
- 3 As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and Pharisees brought a woman they had caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.
- 4 "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the very act of adultery.
- 5 The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?"
- 6 They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger.
- 7 They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, stone her. But let those who have never sinned throw the first stones!"
- 8 Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.
- 9 When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman.
- 10 Then Jesus stood up again and said to her, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?"
- 11 "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

We Are _____ Guilty

Psalm 38:4 My guilt overwhelms me - it is a burden too heavy to bear.

5 My wounds fester and stink because of my foolish sins.

Romans 5:16 And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but we have the free gift of being accepted by God, even though we are guilty of many sins.

We Are Not _____

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard.

1 Corinthians 10:13 But remember that the temptations that come into your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it.

We Are Not _____

God Is Not _____ Off At Me

Psalm 103:13 The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.

14 For he understands how weak we are; he knows we are only dust.

Psalm 145:8 The LORD is kind and merciful, slow to get angry, full of unfailing love.

9 The LORD is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation.

God Is Not _____ To Get Me

Psalm 103:10 He has not punished us for all our sins, nor does he deal with us as we deserve.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

17 God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it.

God Will Not _____ Me Away

Psalm 94:14 The LORD will not reject his people; he will not abandon his own special possession.

Romans 8:1 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

We Are _____

We Are Responsible To:

_____ Our Sin

Jeremiah 3:13 Only acknowledge your guilt. Admit that you rebelled against the LORD your God and committed adultery against him by worshiping idols under every green tree. Confess that you refused to follow me.

Psalm 38:18 But I confess my sins; I am deeply sorry for what I have done.

Psalm 51:1 Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.

2 Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.

3 For I recognize my shameful deeds - they haunt me day and night.

4 Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just.

_____ Our Sin

John 8:11 "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

God Will _____ Our Sin

Hebrews 10:15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies that this is so. First he says,
16 "This is the new covenant I will make with my people on that day, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts so they will understand them, and I will write them on their minds so they will obey them."

17 Then he adds, "I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds."

18 Now when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices.

Psalm 103:8 The LORD is merciful and gracious; he is slow to get angry and full of unfailing love.

9 He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever.

10 He has not punished us for all our sins, nor does he deal with us as we deserve.

11 For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.

12 He has removed our rebellious acts as far away from us as the east is from the west.

Acts 13:38 "Brothers, listen! In this man Jesus there is forgiveness for your sins.

39 Everyone who believes in him is freed from all guilt and declared right with God - something the Jewish law could never do.

Colossians 1:14 God has purchased our freedom with his blood and has forgiven all our sins.

1 John 1:7 But if we are living in the light of God's presence, just as Christ is, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from every sin.

8 If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth.

9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong.