

April 09, 2017

Series: I Believe

Sermon Title: *Forgiveness of Sins*

Key Verse:

1 John 1:9 (NRSV)

⁹IF we CONFESS our sins, he who is faithful and just WILL FORGIVE us our sins and CLEANSE us from all unrighteousness.

The Key:

Grace over Guilt

All HAVE sinned (*IF* we *CONFESS* our sins...)

Romans 3:10-11 (NIV) ¹⁰As it is written: "There is *NO ONE* righteous, *NOT* even *ONE*; ¹¹there is *NO ONE* who understands; there is *NO ONE* who seeks God. ¹²All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is *NO ONE* who does good, *NOT* even *ONE*."

Romans 3:23 (NIV) ²³For *ALL HAVE SINNED* and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 7:15 (NIV) ¹⁵I do not understand what I do. For what I *WANT* to do I do not do, but what I *HATE* I do.

All CAN BE forgiven (He who is faithful and just *WILL* forgive)

1 John 1:9 (NRSV) ⁹IF we CONFESS our sins, he who is faithful and just WILL FORGIVE us our sins and CLEANSE us from all UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

1 Timothy 2:4 (NIV) ⁴(Jesus) *WANTS ALL PEOPLE* to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

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Psalm 103:12 (NIV) ¹²as far as the *EAST* is from the *WEST*, so far has he *REMOVED* our *TRANSGRESSIONS* from us.

Romans 8:1a (NIV) ^{1a}Therefore, there is now *NO CONDEMNATION* for those who are in Christ Jesus

All NEED TO forgive (He will *CLEANSE* us from all *UNRIGHTEOUSNESS*)

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV) ³²Be kind and compassionate to one another, *FORGIVING EACH OTHER*, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Colossians 3:13 (NIV) ¹³Bear with each other and *FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER* if any of you has a grievance against someone. *FORGIVE AS* the Lord forgave you.

Matthew 6:12 (NIV) ¹²And *FORGIVE US* our debts, *AS* we also have *FORGIVEN* our debtors.

Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV) ¹⁴For *IF YOU FORGIVE* other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father *WILL* also *FORGIVE* you. ¹⁵*BUT IF YOU DO NOT FORGIVE* others their sins, your Father *WILL NOT FORGIVE* your sins.

Challenge Questions:

What sins do you need to let go of today?

Who do you need to forgive this week?

Who do you need to ask forgiveness from this week?

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