

SERMON NOTES

FORGIVEN

Forgiven at the Cross

"Forgiven to forgive."

BIG IDEA: There is no forgiveness that does not pass by way of the cross.

Forgiveness flows _____ It comes down to us from the cross, and only then does it run out from us to others. [Eph. 4:32; 1:7]

1. The Problem

Before we can be forgiven, we must reckon honestly with our sin.

- We are all _____. [Ecc. 7:20; Ps. 53:3; Pro. 20:9; Isa. 53:6, 64:6; Rom. 3:23]
- The theological term for the condition sin left us, in is _____.
- Sin is a barrier that _____ us from God. [Isa 59:1-2]
- The wages of sin is _____ = separation from God.

"The recognition of sin is the beginning of salvation." - Martin Luther

2. The Price

God does not forgive sin by overlooking it; forgiveness cost heaven everything.

- Even the Old covenant was established on the basis of _____. [Heb.9:19-21]
- God's principle: _____ must be shed before sin can be forgiven. [Lev.17:11; Heb. 9:22]
- The blood of Christ had to be _____ and applied for the New Covenant to be in force.

"There can be no thought of 'cheap' forgiveness when we remember that our redemption cost God the life of his beloved Son." - N. G. Wilson

3. The Pardon

What the blood purchased is a full and free pardon. [Eph.1:7]

- To redeem means to purchase and set _____ by paying a price.
- The word "forgive" means to _____.
- He removed our transgressions as far as the _____ is from the _____. [Ps. 103:12]

The Plan of Salvation

Forgiven to forgive. But first, be forgiven.

1. Admit the Problem.
2. Believe the Price.
3. Receive the Pardon.

"Forgiveness is the greatest miracle that Jesus ever performs. It meets the greatest need; it costs the greatest price; and it brings the greatest blessing and the most lasting results." - Warren W. Wiersbe

THE WAY OF FORGIVENESS

Hebrews 9:16-22

16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. 17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. 18 Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. 19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, 20 Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. 21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. 22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.