

Forgiveness



THE WONDER OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS!

Forgive: to send away, to completely cancel the debt of sin, to pardon the guilt of sin

Seen in God's Dealings With David

- ❑ As king he was to lead Israel in God's ways – Acts 13:22
- ❑ God blessed him greatly – 2 Sam. 3:2-5
- ❑ Power and honor went to David's head
 - Committed adultery and tried to cover it up
 - David committed cold-blooded murder!
- ❑ David deserved to die for despising God – 2 Sam. 12:7-10
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2 Sam. 12:13

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Forgiveness Is Amazing Because...

- ❑ It is the holy God's mercy and grace – Pas. 103:11-12
- ❑ It is God's pardon – Num. 14:19-20; Isa. 55:7
- ❑ It is life and hope for those who seek God – Pas. 130:3-4

Old Covenant and Forgiveness

- ❑ The priestly services focused on forgiveness – Lev. 4
- ❑ The Psalms spoke of God's wondrous forgiveness – Psa. 86:4-5; 32:1-5
- ❑ The Temple was about forgiveness – 1 Kings 8:30, 33-36
- ❑ Israel's hope of the future focused on forgiveness – Jer. 31:31-34

New Covenant and Forgiveness

- ❑ Salvation by forgiveness was heralded by John the baptizer – Lk. 1:76-77; Jn. 1:29
- ❑ Jesus forgave sins while upon this earth – Lk. 7:44-48
- ❑ The gospel is about forgiveness
 - ❑ The apostles preached it – Acts 2:38-40
 - ❑ Paul was called to preach it – Acts 26:16-18
 - ❑ It is its blessing to all who come to Christ – Eph. 1:3, 7-8
- ❑ Forgiveness will change and motivate you to be like Jesus – Eph. 4:32; Mt. 18:21-22; Mt. 6:14-15; 2 Pet. 1:5-9