

TIME OF SERVICES

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MAKES CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS
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COMPOSED OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE
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1 Peter 2:7



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**WHY DON'T I FEEL FORGIVEN?
A Study of Guilt**

There are possible reasons why one might not feel forgiven. It could be:

Lack of Faith In God. *“For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more” (Heb 8:12).* God said it. If we don’t believe it, then there is a faith problem. It’s true, not just “too good to be true.”

Lack of Honesty. *“O God, You know my foolishness; And my sins are not hidden from You” (Ps 69:5).* *“I acknowledge my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, ‘I will confess transgressions to the Lord.’ And you forgave the iniquity of my sin” (Ps 32:5).* If we haven’t been honest with God, then more than likely we are not going to feel forgiven.

Lack of Godly Sorrow. *“For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produced death” (2 Cor 7:10).* We can’t fool God. If we don’t have godly sorrow for our sins, then we need to reassess and do a thorough self-examination. *“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? – unless indeed you are disqualified” (2 Cor 13:5).*

Failure to Forgive Others. In Christ’s parable of “The Unmerciful Servant,” a man who had been forgiven a huge debt which he couldn’t pay, was forgiven. →

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But then he wouldn't forgive a small debt from a fellow-servant. Because he wouldn't forgive, his lord delivered him to the tormentors (Mt 18:21-35). Our forgiveness is attached to our willingness to forgive others.

Lack of Obedience From the Heart. *"But God be thanked that though you were slaves to sin, yet you **obeyed from the heart** that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness"* (Rom 6:17,18). If one forgives "hypocritically," he hasn't been forgiven at all. Likewise, if one repents "hypocritically," he hasn't been forgiven at all. Lack of genuine repentance is a serious matter. So is a lack of genuine forgiveness. -db

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Human Rights

(We discussed this in our recent class. Here are some conclusions to consider)
If there are no universal moral laws then it all depends on who is in charge in a given time and place and whether geographical boundaries have changed. That goes to the most powerful. When one denies that there is universal moral law, he is denying that he has any *inalienable rights* that have been endowed by a Creator. To say he has rights is to say that certain things are due him and he suffers wrongs when deprived of his rights. But there can be no moral wrong if there is no moral realm. Unless there is a universal standard of good and evil, or right and wrong, how can it be affirmed that anyone has rights or that anyone has wronged his fellowman?

Also, he is denying that he has any duty toward anybody else, or even toward himself. If there is no moral law, a person can't be obligated. He owes nobody and nobody owes him. It's not →

News/Notes/Quotes.

THE SICK. Gauri and Debbie Guha are St. Vincent's in Sherwood. Gauri is recovering from surgery and Debbie is receiving rehab from her stroke... **Rhea Vines** is now at St. Elizabeth's Place for rehab following her shoulder surgery, room #618...Remember **Tim Moody** (father of Travis, Trent and Trey) who has been diagnosed with CML (leukemia). We don't have an update on **Beverly Allen**...**Shut-ins:** **Eli Campbell** at home... **Rita Kieffer**, St. Bernard Village, ...**Shirley Coots**, Walnut Ridge Nursing & Rehab... **Karen Livesay** at home...**Joyce Riley** at St. Elizabeth's Place...

GOSPEL MEETINGS

OCT 6-11 – STONERIDGE! – Different Speakers

THANKS! Hats off! We recently had an unusual circumstance with three families having a death in the family, one right after the other. That's almost overwhelming. Our ladies stepped up and provided complete meals for those gatherings either prior to or after the funerals. They won't compliment themselves but I will praise them. They went above and beyond. Special thanks to Nola Christenberry for organizing and providing the boxes to keep food at the right temperature. If you can or would like to help, please give your info to Nola!

PODCAST John Mundy – Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. On Facebook & YouTube.

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unusual for humanists (atheists, secularists, etc.) to talk about their rights and the rights of others. But what room is there for rights? To say one has rights is to say others have duties toward him. If I have a right, you have a duty to respect that right. All talk about rights is meaningless if there is no universal law or Lawgiver. To say one has rights is to say others have duties toward him. If I have a right, you have a duty to respect that right. But all talk about rights is means nothing if there is no universal Lawgiver. What a predicament atheism leaves us in!

Talk about rights and duties is just so much "vocal vibration" which is mechanically or chemically responding to certain pressures if organic evolution is true. When one affirms the non-existence of universal moral law, he is stripping himself of both rights and duties. He is a mere "thing" that is subject to the whims of anyone who is stronger than he. For, if there is no God, then anything goes. Eventually everything will. I believe it was Voltaire who said "if God did not exist it would be necessary to invent him." -db

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