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“Blessed Ones” (4)

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Blessedness of Forgiveness

Psalm 32:1-2 – (1) “**Blessed** is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. (2) **Blessed** is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.”

Genesis 15:6 – “And (*Abraham*) believed the LORD, and (*God*) counted (*to fabricate, think, regard, value, compute*) it to him as righteousness.”

Romans 4:1-8 – (1) “What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? (2) For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. (3) For what does the Scripture say? ‘**Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.**’ (4) Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. (5) And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, (6) just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: (7) ‘Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; (8) blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.’”

Galatians 3:9 – “So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.”

The Forgiven are Living in a Constant State of Blessing
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Forgiveness Factors:

(1) To Be Forgiven I must Believe in Jesus and His Work

“...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one

confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, ‘Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.’” (Romans 10:9-11)

(2) As a Christian, to Receive Forgiveness I must confess my sin

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

(3) Freely I Received, Freely I must Forgive

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.” (Colossians 3:12-13)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Can I confidently assert that I am “Holy, blameless and above reproach”? (Col. 1:22)

Am I continuing to enjoy God’s forgiveness, no matter how painful it may be at times? (Ps. 32:3-5; James 4:5-10)