

Forgiveness: Forgiving Ourselves

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Verse: 1 John 1:8-10; 2 Cor 5:17

Homework: Psalm 107; 1 Chronicles 16

Review:

- God's Forgiveness of us –
 - Complete and unconditional.
 - Costly.
 - Cancels the penalty of sin.
 - Changes our relationship with God.
- Our Forgiveness of Others –
 - Sin damages not only our relationship with God, but also with others.
 - Since we have been forgiven much, we are commanded to forgive others.
 - Forgiveness is a process of releasing our right of revenge and laying the issue at the foot of the cross.
 - Forgiveness brings healing to my soul and to relationships.

Problem:

- Sin not only impacts our relationship with God and others, it also impacts how we view ourselves.
 - Blame Game: We are unwilling to own our actions. Genesis 3
 - Our hearts deceive us. Jeremiah 17:9
 - The "white-hat syndrome." Proverbs 21:2

Solution:

- Recognize the degree of our sin. 1 Tim 1:15
- Recognize our personal volition in sin. James 1:14-15
- Recognize our accountability before God. Matthew 12:36-37/ Rom 14:12
- Call to repentance and faith. 2 Cor 7:10/ 1 John 1:9
- Rest in your faith. Hebrews 4:1-3/ Luke 7:50
- Recognition of being made new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Key:

- How do you see yourself?

Application:

- Is it time to release the old patterns and thoughts that are keeping you in bondage?
- Do you need to respond in faith to who you are now in Christ?