

Summer in the Psalms

Lesson Nine • Psalm 32

Good News for the Guilty

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Sin can be FORGIVEN! Therefore, God's forgiveness should compel us to confess our sins rather than conceal our sins.

Good News for the Guilty:

1. Receiving God's Forgiveness Is a **BLESSING!**

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. Psalm 32:1-2

The Blessing of God's Forgiveness:

- Our TRANSGRESSION is forgiven.
- Our SIN is covered.
- Our INIQUITY is not imputed.

Have You Experienced the Blessing of God's Forgiveness?

God's forgiveness of sin brings great JOY and great RELIEF to our lives.

2. Seeking God's Forgiveness Is a **CHOICE!**

When I kept silent my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Psalm 32:3-5

Two Choices When It Comes to Sin:

We can CONCEAL our sin and remain guilt-ridden or we can CONFESS our sin and receive the blessing of God's forgiveness.

The Horrible Choice to Conceal Sin:

- David kept SILENT about his sin.
- David SUFFERED for his sin.

The Wonderful Choice to Confess Sin:

- ACKNOWLEDGE your sin to God.
- ASK God to forgive you of your sin.
- ACCEPT God's forgiveness for your sin.

David's Counsel About Sin:

Don't be like a stubborn MULE, but humble yourself and turn to God now for His forgiveness of sin.

For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You in a time when You may be found... Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which have no understanding, which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you. Psalm 32:6, 9

The Choice Is Yours:

You can be surrounded by the SORROWS of unconfessed sin or you can be surrounded by the JOY of God's forgiveness.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; but he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him. Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! Psalm 32:10-11

Celebrating Forgiveness in Christ through Communion:

Followers of Jesus Christ (those who trust in Christ as Savior and commit to follow Christ as Lord) are invited to participate in Communion. Please remain seated as the bread and juice are passed out. The bread and juice represent the body and blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross and reminds us who our Lord is, what He has done for us, is doing for us, and will yet do for us when He returns. Come, Lord Jesus, come!