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Summer in the Psalms

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Psalm 32: Good News for the Guilty

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

Two Choices

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

The Horrible Choice to Conceal Sin

- > David kept <u>SILENT</u> about his sin.
- > David <u>SUFFERED</u> from guilt over his sin.

The Wonderful Choice to Confess Sin

Step #1 ACKNOWLEDGE your sin to God.

Step #2 ASK God to forgive you of your sin.

Step #3 ACCEPT God's forgiveness for your sin.

Good News for the Guilty

1. Receiving God's Forgiveness Is a <u>BLESSING</u>!

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

The Blessing of God's Forgiveness

- God will <u>CARRY</u> our sin away.
- God will <u>COVER</u> the record of our sin.
- God will not <u>COUNT</u> our sin against us.

Have You Received the Blessing of God's Forgiveness?

God's forgiveness of sin brings great <u>JOY</u> and great <u>RELIEF</u> to our lives.

2. Seeking God's Forgiveness Is a CHOICE!

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Psalm 32:3-5

David's Counsel About Sin

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

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Psalm 32:6-9

The Choice Is Yours

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

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! Psalm 32:10-11