

We Believe in The Forgiveness of Sins

Romans 5:12-21; Matthew 5:38-48

INTRODUCTION:

MA-GI AND HIS DILEMMA.

OBEY OR NOT OBEY.

CHOICES WE HAVE TO MAKE TO OBEY GOD'S COMMANDS AND WILL FOR OUR LIVES.

WHEN WE FAIL THERE IS GRACE AND MERCY AVAILABLE TO US, BECAUSE OF JESUS' DEATH ON THE CROSS. GOD GRANTS FORGIVENESS OF SIN

"BUT IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO HIM , HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL WICKEDNESS. (CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR)" I JOHN 1:9

- I. ADAM'S SIN NATURE IS IN ALL OF US. ROMANS 5:12
 - A. SIN ENTERED THE WORLD
 - B. IT BROUGHT DEATH TO ALL
 - C. EVERYONE SINNED

- II. GOD'S WONDERFUL GIFT. ROMANS 5:15
 - A. GOD'S WONDERFUL GIFT OF GRACE.
 - B. GIFT OF **FORGIVENESS** OFFERED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

- III. GOD MADE US RIGHT WITH HIM - RIGHTEOUS. ROMANS 5;16-19
 - A. WE ARE NOW STANDING POSITIONALLY IN RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
WE ARE NO LONGER ENEMIES, CRIMINALS SUBJECT TO HIS JUDGEMENT.
 - B. ONE ACT OF OBEISANCE MADE THE DIFFERENCE.

- IV. IN COMMUNITY WE ARE CALLED TO PRACTICE FORGIVENESS. COL: 3-12-15
 - A. BECAUSE WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE IT IS REQUIRED THAT ACT LIKE GOD IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH OTHER.

- B. OVERLOOKING OR LOOKING PASS EACH OTHER'S FAULTS.
- C. FORGIVING: CHARIZOMAI: TO SHOW ONESELF GRACIOUS BY FORGIVING WRONGDOING,FORGIVE,PARDON.

JESUS INFORMS IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 5: 38-48 THESE IMPORTANT BEHAVIORS:

- 1. NOT TO PRACTICE REVENGE.
- 2. NOT TO HIT BACK.
- 3. NOT TO HOLD BACK.

BUT WE ARE TO BE HOLY, SEPARATED, DIFFERENT IN OUR RESPONSES THAN OTHERS:

- 1. WE ARE TO LOVE.
- 2. WE ARE TO PRAY.
- 3. WE ARE TO BE KIND.

THIS CAN ONLY HAPPEN AS WE REMEMBER WHAT JESUS HAS DONE FOR US ON THE CROSS. HE TOOK ARE PLACE BY DYING FOR SINS. OUR SINS HAVE BEEN FORGIVENESS:

CLEANED
COVERED OVER
WIPED OUT
CARRIED AWAY
PARDONED
ACQUITTED
CANCELLED.

WE BELIEVE IN FORGIVENESS AND THEREFORE MUST PRACTICE IT IN COMMUNITY AND IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS.