

HOUSE OF GRACE

Part 4: I Forgive

Text: Hebrews 9:14

Romans 4:7, 8 (NLT) "Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sins are put out of sight. (8) Yes, what joy for those whose sin is no longer counted against them by the Lord."

Hebrews 9:26-28 | Hebrews 10:14

Make perfect: Relationship, justification, judicial, bringing us to a completed state of the condition designed for us, producing a final relationship between God and His people, **and unchanging standing in the favor and blessings of God.** (A. Pink)

The Old Testament saint could never have a "clear conscience."

Hebrews 9:14 | Acts 24:16 | Romans 9:1 | 1 Timothy 1:5

1 Peter 3:16 (NLT) But you must do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak evil against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.

Releasing our conscience of sin allows freedom from a terrifying sense of what we deserve. There can be a release of condemning power of sin and the remembrance of the guilt that follows.

Hebrews 10:10 | Hebrews 10:19

We need to be assured of the _____ of our sins which allows us to have confidence in approaching the throne of God.

Remission: Release, removal, pardon, forgiveness, to send away, cancellation of all judgment, penalty, and obligation.

Justification: Showing favor toward and publicly reinstating the guilty, remitting the sins of the guilty and accounting him righteous freely by grace (Romans 3:23-26), and pardon from the past and blessings promised for the future.

Sanctification: Set apart by God and equipped to be a worshipper and server, a predetermined place realized at rebirth and accomplished by the Holy Spirit in our everyday walk, Christ-like, and pollution and potency of sin broken as we are being sanctified.

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Luke 7:41-50

When we _____ how much the Lord has forgiven us, it is easier to forgive others who have wronged us.

Luke 17:3, 4 | Mark 11:25 | Ephesians 4:32

John 20:23 (Message) "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

Mark 12:31, 32

We are unable to show true love to others until we learn to

_____ the value of what the Lord is doing in us. We must learn to enjoy the journey of maturity the Lord has us traveling. He uses every situation to transform us into His likeness.

Galatians 5:14, 15 | 2 Samuel 12:20 | Matthew 18:28-34

How much do I appreciate the forgiveness of my sins? That appreciation will open me up to receive a fullness of the "Grace of God."

1. Do I receive the forgiveness paid for by the Lord's death on the cross?
2. Do I carry guilt, shame, and fear from my past sin?
3. Do I extend to others the forgiveness I receive?
4. Am I offended by someone in my past? Have I forgiven them?
5. Do I carry the compassion of Christ in my heart?
6. Am I speaking blessings to people who caused pain in my life?
7. Am I a Grace-enhancer or do I appropriate the law?

D12 Group Discussion Questions

1. Be sure to talk about remission of sins, because it is so important to understand the difference between atonement and remission.
2. How does the Lord remove the toxic memories in our conscience?
3. Talk about the idea of being made perfect.
4. What areas of your life do you need to forgive yourself? How are you able to do that?
5. Do you spend any time confessing what the Lord says about you?