

COVENANT FORGIVENESS

STUDYING TO WHOM FORGIVENESS IS GIVEN

"For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins."

~ Romans 11:27

1. Forgiveness Confusion

- a. God forgives from Gen-Rev (Ps 136): w/o forgiveness there is no salvation
- b. Forgiveness in a new covenant is different than forgiveness in a new creature.
- c. Confusion abounds from a failure to discern new covenant Israel.
- d. *"How do I get it, is there an unforgivable sin, how many, what if I sin again?"*

2. Defining Forgiveness

- a. Forgiveness ~def. To grant pardon; to remit, remove, release, free from a debt.
- b. Forgiveness thinks and desires no evil, revenge, ill will in the face of an offense
- c. Forgive is to give away, put away, remove the desire or power to punish a sin
 - i. 2Sa 12:13, 19:19, Ps 25:7,32:1, 79:8, 85:2-4, 103:12, Num 14:19

3. Forgiveness was Covenanted

- a. Forgiveness was covenanted to Israel - Eph 2:12, Exo 34:6-7
- b. Forgiveness required an anointed (washed) priest - Exo 30:18-20, Lev 6:7
- c. Forgiveness required atonement - Lev 4:20, 4:26, Num 15:22-26
- d. Forgiveness required blood and a mercy seat - Lev 17:10-11, Heb 9:22
- e. Some sins will not be forgiven - Josh 24:19-22, Dan 9:9-20
- f. Forgiveness requires a new covenant - Lev 26:38-45, Lk 1:72-77

4. New Covenant Forgiveness

- a. New covenant (Israel) salvation included forgiveness - Heb 8:8-10, 9:15
- b. Forgiveness required faith (remnant) - Isa 43:25, 55:3-7, Mic 7:18-20, Mt 20:8,26:28
- c. Forgiveness required priests - Isa 61:6-8, Mt 16:19, Jn 20:33, Mk 1:4, 1Pet 2:9, Acts 2:38
- d. Forgiveness required confession - 1 John 1:9, Lk 18:13, Isa 64:6-9, Matt 6:9-13
- e. Forgiveness required a better atonement - Heb 8:6, 10:4-22
- f. Some sins will not be forgiven - Heb 10:26, Matt 12:32-33, John 17:9, 1John 5:16-17
- g. Covenant fulfilled = forgiveness received - Acts 3:19, Heb 9:28, Rom 11:27

5. Forgiveness Now

- a. Forgiveness requires his blood (w/o covenants, priests, law) - Eph 1:7, Col 1:14
- b. Forgiveness requires the death of Christ (dead with him) - Rom 3:25, Gal 2:18-20
- c. Forgiveness requires the resurrection (alive with him) - 1 Cor 15:17
- d. Forgiveness requires faith (for imputation) - Eph 4:32, Rom 4:5-7, 2Co 5:19, Col 2:13
- e. Forgiveness is only for the saved - Rom 5:10-11, 1 Thess 2:16, 2 Tim 4:14
 - i. The unsaved disinherited for their sins - 1 Cor 6:9-11, Eph 5:5-6, Gal 5:19-21
- f. Forgiveness is a mercy, pardon, grace, redemption from sin, that none possess in hell
- g. Forgiveness always found in Christ: whether in the new covenant or the new creature