

HOPE IN GOD

PSALM
43:5

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Message Title: The Hope of Forgiveness

Message Text: 1 John 1:5-2:2

Introduction

The moment we *trusted* Christ for the forgiveness of our sin and eternal life, we were totally, eternally forgiven. The penalty for our past, present and future sins was completely paid for at the cross of Calvary. It is impossible to add to the payment Christ already made on our behalf. Our position before God is as righteous as Jesus Christ Himself. *“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”* (2 Corinthians 5:21) Through Christ, we were born into the family of God and became one of His beloved children. This is the believer’s positional reality, yet practically we still struggle with our sinful flesh in this life. When we sin, there is no need to receive salvation again, but to simply admit our sin and ask our heavenly Father for forgiveness. He is always faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and fellowship with us.

1. The _____ of God (5)

A. The _____ of His Perfection (5a)

1 John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you...

DEFINITION—HEARD: to catch logically; seize

DEFINITION—DECLARE: to bring back message; to inform someone of someone else’s message; sometimes without any definite idea of the message’s source.

See Deuteronomy 32:4, Hebrews 7:26, Galatians 6:7

Isaiah 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One That inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, With him also that is of a contrite

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and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Matthew 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

B. The _____ of His Perfection (5b)

1 John 1:5 ...that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

DEFINITION—LIGHT: the source of illumination

QUOTE: Light is immaterial, diffusive, pure, and glorious. It is the condition of life. Physically, it represents glory; intellectually, truth; morally, holiness. As immaterial it corresponds to God as spirit; as diffusive, to God as love; as the condition of life, to God as life; as pure and illuminating, to God as holiness and truth.—Wuest

1 Timothy 6:16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Psalms 36:9 For with thee is the fountain of life: In thy light shall we see light.

QUOTE—[God's light] enables us to form correct estimates of spiritual realities, of the world, of others, and of ourselves. —BBC

1 Peter 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

2. The _____ of the Godly (6-10)

NOTE — Say, Walk, Say, Confess, Say

A. Walk in the _____ and Enjoy _____ (6-7)

1 John 1:6-7 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

DEFINITION—FELLOWSHIP: participation fellowship; the act of sharing in the activities or privileges of an intimate association or group; especially used of marriage and churches.

SAYING WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP, AND WALK IN DARKNESS

Ephesians 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. (See Ephesians 5:3–7)

WALKING IN THE LIGHT, AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT

DEFINITION—WALK: to live or behave in a specified manner.

Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path.

NOTE — True fellowship can only be experienced when we are walking in the Light of God.

Psalms 119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; It giveth understanding unto the simple.

Ephesians 5:14–15 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

B. Confess _____ and Receive _____ (8-10)

1 John 1:8–10 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

SAYING WE HAVE NO SIN — we deceive ourselves

CONFESSING OUR SIN — to admit; say the same thing as; agree with God

Psalms 51:4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, And done this evil in thy sight: That thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, And be clear when thou judgest.

DEFINITION—FORGIVE: to stop taking an offense into account.

NOTE — We experience the mercy and grace of God's forgiveness in the humility of confession

SAYING WE HAVE NOT SINNED — We make God a liar

QUOTE: Confess your sin and it becomes part of your past. Conceal your sin and it becomes part of your future. —Browning

Proverbs 28:13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: But whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

QUOTE: When a believer loses personal touch with the God of light, he begins to live in darkness. But confession of sin is the way back into the light.—BKC

3. The _____ of Christ (2:1-2)

A. His _____ (1b-2)

1 John 2:1a My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not.

John 15:3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

B. His _____ (1b-2)

1 John 2:1b-2 ...And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

DEFINITION—ADVOCATE: (legal) one who speaks in defense of; an intercessor.

See Revelation 12:10

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

DEFINITION—PROPTIATION: the appeasement of wrath

QUOTE: Grace obtained through the advocacy of Christ is to be traced, like all of God's grace, to His all-sufficient sacrifice on the cross. Should any sinning believer wonder on what grounds he might secure God's mercy after he has failed, the answer is found in this verse. So adequate is Jesus Christ as God's atoning Sacrifice that the efficacy of His work extends not merely to the sins of Christians themselves, but also to the sins of the whole world. —BKC

Luke 22:31–32 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Conclusion

Psalms 32:1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.



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