

## Lesson Fourteen

### What Does the Bible Teach Concerning the Forgiveness of Sins? (The Doctrine of Justification)

1. Do we need forgiveness of sins?

Leviticus 19:2 We are to be perfect.

Isaiah 59:2 Sin as separated us from God.

2. How does God forgive sins?

Romans 8:33 He justifies, He does it for us.

3. Did God simply forget our sins? (Does He wink at our sin and set them aside?)

2 Corinthians 5:21 (Matthew 27:46) No, there was a price to be paid. Recall the scene in National Treasure where the FBI agent said, "Someone is going to go to jail." Jesus paid the price on our behalf.

4. How does a sinner receive forgiveness?

Romans 3:28 by faith.

5. What is faith?

Ephesians 2:8, 9 the vehicle by which grace is receive. Saved by grace through faith.

6. Why is every believer able to be sure of the forgiveness of sins and his salvation?

Romans 8:38, 39 Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from God. We are not talking about quantity or quality of faith (which is what we tend to measure) but we are simply acknowledging the object of our faith.

7. Why must we maintain the supreme importance of the central teaching of Justification?

John 20:31 that we might believe.

Galatians 5:4 otherwise we fall from grace. (it is possible to fall from faith)

Matthew 9:2 this is the basis of forgiveness.

8. What endangers a proper understanding of this doctrine?

Thinking that man is basically good, believing that we can earn our salvation (standing before a holy God), believe that we can even contribute to our salvation.

## Review

True/False

- 1)   F   God forgives us because His goodness leads Him to ignore our sin.
- 2)   F   God only forgives those who are worthy of forgiveness.
- 3)   F   We receive forgiveness by believing in Christ and doing good works.
- 4)   F   We receive forgiveness by believing in Christ and going to church.
- 5) How do we receive forgiveness for our sins? By simply trusting in Jesus' vicarious atonement.
  
- 6) The world is filled with religions. But after investigating, we discover that there are only two types of religion. Can you identify them?
  - a) Law – we work ourselves into a favorable position before God.
  - b) Gospel – Someone did the work for us and offers us a favorable position before God.

There are four major religions which are commonly thought to have started with personalities, Buddhism (Gautama Buddha), Judaism (Abraham), Islam (Mohamed), Christianity (Jesus). The only one not in the Tomb is Jesus.

- 7) The worst thing in the world is When someone believes that they cannot be forgiven.  
The loss of hope is terrible.