

Sins Forgiven, Sin Covered

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit."
(Psalm 32:1-2 NKJ)

There is a glaring reality of judgment lies heavy upon every soul born into this world, since Adam and Eve, our first parents. It is the weight of the guilt of sin and knowing that with that guilt of sin condemnation looms large over all mankind, a condemnation that brings with it an eternal punishment of death, both spiritually and physically. The spiritual death means that there is a loss of fellowship with our Creator, the LORD God, since God cannot even look upon sin which has attached itself to every human being, and polluted all of creation. Sin puts man in a hopeless state and helpless condition. He cannot and will not fix the problem of sin and his eternal separation from God. In fact, no matter what man does to fix his problem it will never satisfy the justice of God; no amount of money, no amount of political clout, no good work and not even the outward keeping of the law with ever make amends for his sin, much less atone for them (Psalm 49:6-8; Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:20). The best anyone can say when he has done all those things which are commanded by God in His word is, *"I am an unprofitable servant. I have only done what was my duty to do"* (Luke 17:10 NKJ).

Furthermore, God owes mankind nothing to fix this hopeless and helpless situation! God would be perfectly just in leaving man in a state of condemnation to suffer under His righteous anger, eternally. However, God in His abounding grace from His everlasting love has saved His people from their hopeless and helpless situation by sending His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into this world to bear the wrath God against their sin and satisfy forever the justice of God in His one atoning sacrifice on the cross. And having been raised from the dead again, He secured for all who believe in Him with true faith, the only way to the Father and an eternal inheritance in heaven, to praise God and glorify Him forever. He did what you and I could never do, pay the penalty for our sins and redeemed us from the bondage of sin and the devil.

Because of what Christ accomplished in shedding His blood on the cross, sin is forgiven and removed. So when God looks upon all who come to Him through Jesus Christ, He does not impute iniquity, nor does He see his sin, being covered by the blood of Christ and applied to him by the Holy Spirit and is clothed with the righteousness of Christ.

It is no small thing, therefore, when the psalmist says that those who sins are forgiven and the iniquity of our sins removed, he is blessed. What a comfort to know that our sins are forgiven. What a comfort it is to know that all who come to Christ in true faith and with a repentant heart are blessed. He is blessed regardless of his circumstances, whether he under severe trial and adversity or whether he is abounding in riches and ease. On the contrary, the person whose sins are not forgiven is not blessed, but under the heavy weight of God's judgment and condemnation, no matter his circumstances.

Beloved in the LORD, you are blessed, period! Your circumstances do not determine whether you are blessed but rather whether you are forgiven of your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Are you blessed? That blessing from God is only by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Put your trust in Him alone and His atoning work on the cross on your behalf, and rest in His faithful arms for all that is necessary for your salvation and eternal hope; and you will be blessed! Won't this day be the day of blessing for you, as you embrace with a believing heart the forgiveness of sins that comes through Jesus Christ alone?