



Israel's Greatest Hits

Guilt & Forgiveness

Psalms 32

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1. Let _____ (vv.1-5)

2. Feel _____ (vv.6-9)

3. Consider _____ (vv.10-11)

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1 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. **2** Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

3 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. **4** For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah

5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

6 Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. **7** You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. **9** Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Romans 2:15-16**. While those in our modern culture instinctively eschew all bad feelings, why should a greater sensitivity and responsiveness to those pangs of conviction be important even for non-Christians?
2. Read **2 Corinthians 7:8-10**. In light of Psalm 32:1-2 & 10-11, what practical advice would you give to someone whose grief over a particular transgression has most definitely led him to repentance regarding that issue, but who finds that he is still haunted by feelings of guilt about that sin?
3. Read **Hebrews 3:7-11**. What are some of the practical risks for Christians who delay their readiness to deal with a particular sin in their life?
4. Read **Micah 7:18-19**. Why do you think today's Christians often undervalue and underappreciate the complete forgiveness God grants his children?
5. Read **Luke 17:11-19**. What can you do to cultivate a more frequent and profound thanksgiving to Christ for the forgiveness of sins his death secured for us?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Though the Bible) for schedule prompts.

May 27th

1Chr.20-22 & Jn.10:22-42

May 28th

1Chr.23-25 & Jn.11:1-17

May 29th

1Chr.26-27 & Jn.11:18-46

May 30th

1Chr.28-29 & Jn.11:47-57

May 31st

2Chr.1-3 & Jn.12:1-19

June 1st

2Chr.4-6 & Jn.12:20-50

June 2nd

2Chr.7-9 & Jn.13:1-17

June 3rd

2Chr.10-12 & Jn.13:18-38

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

CD # 0920 – ***Celebrating Unearned Forgiveness***

CD # 0708 – ***Real Hope: Taking Hold of the Hope of the New Start***

CD # 0763 – ***A Really Good Friday: The Day God nailed Our Sins to the Cross***

CD # 0538 – ***Count Your Spiritual Blessings***

CD # 0411 – ***The Juxtaposition of Responsibility & Forgiveness***

CD # 0004 – ***Dealing with Guilt, Regret and Other Bad Feelings***

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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