

**PROCLAIM THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, Part 3 - Luke 24:47**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Thankful for forgiveness. Astounding!
  - i. Isa 55:8-9 the incomprehensibility of God - He is beyond us.
  - ii. Specifically His forgiveness - v6-7 an appeal & a promise
    - a. Consider God's innate holiness juxtaposed w/ our sin!
    - b. *Seek, call, forsake, return* - repent & believe in God who pardons
2. Lk 24:46-47. *forgiveness of sins.*
  - i. Forgiveness is a revelation of YHWH [Ex 34:6-7]; based on His provision of propitiating sacrifice [1Jn 4:10].
  - ii. Forgiveness is imputed to believing sinners who repent: *seek, call, forsake & return.*
3. Today: repentant faith & our responsibility to proclaim this gospel

**1st: Forgiveness is Given to All Who Call Upon the Lord in Faith**

1. Paul did not call Gentiles to convert to Judaism b/c of the sole sufficiency of Jesus & the arrival of the NCov. He refuted the Judaizers who taught that obedience to OCov law plus faith in Jesus. Justification - pardon & imputed righteousness is given on the basis of Jesus' obedient life & death.
2. Rom 9:30-33 Gentiles attain *the righteousness wh/ is by faith*
3. Rom 10:1-4 - Paul desires kinsmen to submit to gospel
4. Rom 10:5-8 - salvation by meritorious obedience must be perfect; you must do what Jes has, in fact, already done [cites Dt 30]
5. Rom 10:9-13 - conscience: confession. Isa's *seek, call, forsake & return!*
6. Rom 10:14-17 - promises are simply preached & believed

**2nd: With Forgiveness We Are Reconciled to God in Jesus Christ**

- 01. Salvation based on union w/ Jesus in His death & res [Rom 4:25].
2. Reconciliation w/ God
  - i. Rom 5:8-11 God propitiates His wrath & reconciles us to Him - v1-2
  - ii. Eph 2:13-18 reconciliation tw/ men - a new humanity
  - iii. Col 1:19-22 reconciliation is part of God's cosmic purpose

**Applic #1: Jesus Christ Holds Us Responsible to Declare His Gospel-Defined Reconciliation**

1. 2 Cor 5:18-6:2 v18, v19
  - i. explain reconciliation by imputed righteousness & forgiveness
  - ii. inform that today is day of salvation
2. Challenging - but this is our responsibility in reliance on the HS.

**Applic #2: Jesus Christ Holds Us Responsible to Demonstrate His Gospel-Defined Reconciliation**

1. *If your bro sins, rebuke him & if he repents, forgive him... Lord "Increase our faith!" [Lk 17:3-5] Why "faith"? cf. Mat 19 parable of unforgiving slave. Mat 18:35 My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart.*
2. Peter requests increased faith [not sympathy, kindness, pity?]
  - i. Faith believes the gospel. As we experience the gospel of forgiveness we are enabled to give THAT gospel forgiveness to others.
3. *Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you [Eph 4:32]. Just as = imitation: Eph 5:1-2 be imitators of God & walk in LOVE just as Christ also LOVED you.*
  - 0i. We imitate Father as we give gospel-love to one another.
4. We are *witnesses* of these things. Speak & show forth the gospel of astonishing forgiveness.