**Blessed Are Those Whose Sins Are Forgiven**

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**Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”**

**Revelation 20:14-15 “And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. (15) And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”**

**From these two verses alone we can see that the life we lead here on earth will determine our eternity.**

**When the scriptures refer to death, they are not only referring to a physical death, but a spiritual death. Here these scripture tell us that if we lead a life of sin that we will burn in the lake of fire (Hell).**

**When the scriptures refer to the book of life, that is God’s record of who is to receive the gift of eternal salvation in Heaven.**

**The question is which one of the two places do you want to be in eternity.**

**We have a choice and that choice is determined by the life we lead.**

**Let’s look at King David and his sin of adultery and murder and see just what his results were. II Samuel 12:1-23**

**Now lets look at Psalms 32 and see what King David wrote about this time of sin and sorrow in his life.**

**In the first four verses we see where David is talking about his sin and how the (moisture, vitality (NKJV) and sometimes referred to as sap of a tree, or water of the body).**

**When the sap of a tree or the water of the body has been drained, then the body becomes dead or in a drought of summer where plants and seedlings die from lack of moisture.**

**Here we can conclude that when David committed his sin with Bathsheba and had Uriah killed by putting him on the battlefront, his life started to drain because of his sin. He did not admit or confess sin until confronted by Nathan in II Samuel 12. After being confronted he was told that God would accept his confession, but that his son by Bathsheba would die. Also his wives would be taken from him and given to his enemies. He also stated that although David committed his privately, that God would punish him openly.**

**So, in forgiveness, what does God owe us?**

**NOTHING!**

**There is nothing a man can do to purchase release from sin. In Romans 4:6, the blessing of forgiveness was pronounced “apart from works.”**

**If God wanted to he could forgive man of his sins without man doing anything, but God chose a plan for that. Hebrews 2:9 is one scripture that tells of that plan. John 14:6 tell us how we get to God. Also, John 3:16.**

**BELIEF:**

**When it comes to belief many of the world today are confused about just what that means. John 8:24; 20:30-31; Matthew 16:16; John 12:42; James 2:19;**

 **Example: The young man who believes that a certain young woman would make a nice bride. Just believing does not make her his bride. It takes a courtship along with the final marriage ceremony to make her his wife.**

**The same example applies to us as individuals. We cannot just believe in Christ or God and that belief makes us a Christian. It takes several steps before that takes place.**

**Mark 16:16; John 14:15; Acts 3:19; I John 4:15; Galatians 3:27; Acts 10:47;**

**Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Peter 3:21; Romans 4:7**