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Divine Forgiveness

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**HANDOUT NOTES**

* **Forgiveness**

The act of erasing or pardoning debt that is owed. It is to release the debtor from their obligation to pay the debt that they once owed**.**

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* **Divine Forgiveness**

A commitment by God to graciously pardon those individuals He has chosen for redemption, who repent of their sin and trust in Jesus so that they are reconciled to God, although this commitment does not eliminate all consequences that may arise from our sin.

**Ephesians 2:1-3** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

**Ephesians 2:4-5** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

To add anything we do to grace alone, is to deny grace alone!

**Colossians 1:13-14** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**A ransom** is a payment demanded or paid for the release of a prisoner.

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**Jeremiah 31:34b** For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

**Isaiah 43:25** “I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.”

**Psalm 103:12** as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**Romans 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

God doesn’t just forgive anyone, and he surely doesn’t forgive everyone. No, He forgives those who whom He gives new birth and saving faith…those who repent and believe in Jesus.

**Acts 2:38** . . . “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 3:19** Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,

**2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

When you look at the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ you NEED to realize that either JESUS died for you and suffered and rose “for you” or “you will” die and suffer for eternity and never rise.

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**2 Samuel 12:10** Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’

While ALL Christians are truly and fully forgiven of their sin guilt AND all Christians will fully enjoy eternal life in the new creation, God’s forgiveness for us does not mean we all experience that eternal life the exact same way.

**2 Corinthians 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

* **If, you are in Christ you don’t need to forgive yourself. You are forgiven.**

Jesus took on your burden, your guilt, your filth, so that you can have the forgiveness of God forever and no longer carry it.

* **You do not ever need to forgive God for God never sins and cannot be in your debt!**

God makes NO error. He does NOTHING wrong. You do not EVER need to forgive God for God never sins and God cannot be in your debt!

**Psalm 145:17** The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

**Psalm 23:6a** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life

**Psalm 25:10** All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**Romans 8:28** And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

**1 John 1:5** . . . God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

God is Holy, which means God is distinct, separate, and in a class by Himself (set apart). He is superior to creation in every way and above all. He is morally pure (without any sin), and He is holy in relation to every aspect of His nature and character. Purity and the sum of all moral excellency are found in Him (\*Holiness of God; WOTC)

**Romans 9:20-23** But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—

**Romans 11:33-36** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.