Wednesday December 6, 2023

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**Divine Forgiveness**

***Divine Forgiveness*** is 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.

1. **In Christ alone is one is forgiven by God**

Scripture Reference: **Colossians 1:13**, **Colossians 2:13-14, Jeremiah 31:34b**, **Isaiah 43:25**, **Psalm 103:12**

How is it possible that we can be forgiven?

Are we forgiven of all of our sins or just some of our sins?

How does a God who doesn’t forget, remember our sins no more?

Why is it so important that we understand both of these things rightly/fully?

What has a right understanding of this meant to your life?

1. **God’s divine forgiveness does not eliminate all consequences that may arise from our sin.**

Ask the group to describe what this means?

\*you might refer them back to the example of David

Forgiven by God doesn’t mean that the horizontal consequences of my sin are also forgiven.

It is good to see that God will often use these things in our life for our discipline, our sanctification, our gospel testimony.

It might be good to talk about why It is important that in no way does this diminishes in our minds or hearts the potency and grace of God’s vast forgiveness of our sin that Christ paid for on the cross.

1. **If you are forgiven by God, You do not need to forgive yourself!**

What is at stake if we try to receive God’s forgiveness for us but then hold ourselves in contempt and guilt for the sin we have committed?

How does this view dismantle the gospel?

Pastor said, “*Jesus took on your burden, your guilt, your filth, so that you can have the forgiveness of God forever and no longer carry it.” Why is this truly good news?*

1. **We do not ever need to forgive God!**

Scripture Reference: **Psalm 145:17, 1 John 1:5**

If God is perfect, holy and good in ALL that he does. Then he does NO wrong and therefore can be accused of no wrong.

If created man considers error or attributes sin on God’s part then that is man’s error and problem and not God’s. It is man who needs to repent and not God.

**Close in Prayer:**

\*please be done by 8pm and encourage your parents to pick up their kids and invite them to fellowship in the quad after.