



THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,

VERSES

PSALMS 32:1

ACTS 10:43

ROMANS 6:23

2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-19

Before You Listen

- 1 What is Transactional Christianity? It is "If-Then" propositions - If I do this, God will do this.
- 2 Hell will have forgiven sinners?
- 3 What is one of our vocations? To forgive as we have been forgiven.

While You Listen

- 1 The creed is a summary. In summary: The forgiveness of sins is what it is all about.
- 2 If we are not forgiven for our sins we are not reconciled to our perfect God and we are absolutely hopeless
- 3 I believe that what Christ did on Calvary's Cross. He did for me and in that death he has forgiven me all of my sins - paid for everything I owe.
- 4 I believe that as a child of God, I need to share that forgiveness with others
- 5 Jesus had to die - because the wages of sin is death. Wages are what we earn. Somebody's got to pay the wages - me or God. The Father sends the Son as the substitute.
- 6 He lived the life we should have lived and went to the cross willingly.

After You Listen

- 1 How do I understand and get this forgiveness? You already have it.
- 2 Hell is going to be filled with forgiven sinners who said "no thanks"



After You Listen Continued

- 3 The pastor in the Lutheran church forgives you in Jesus Name.
- 4 The Means of Grace is how God delivers His gifts of forgiveness. They are words from another (a pastor), baptism, and the Lord's Supper. God says He loves us in many different ways and He continues to do so over and over.
- 5 When forgiving someone else's sin I'm passing on the gift.
- 6 His forgiveness is unlimited. It's not transactional.

WHAT DID YOU LEARN

- 1. This is connected to "The Communion of Saints" that comes right before this phrase in the creed.
- 2. We are God's people who live or should live towards each other the way God has demonstrated His love for us.
- 3. There's a communion of fellowship between Christians when we share the love and forgiveness that God has given to us....it ties us all together as a body. Serving our neighbor means we are forgiving our neighbors. Every vocation includes forgiving others.
- 4. Vocation: The things we have to do in this life, God puts us into those positions. They change over life (wife, husband, mother, father, grandfather, baker, accountant---but not just making money). You can have more than one. Vocation is us doing God's work in this place.
- 5. We are God's hands and feet in this world doing the things that need to be done.
- 6. Everything you do is of value. The world only values something as long as it can get something out of it.

WHY IS THIS GOOD NEWS?

Thank God it's not transactional. When am I forgiven? You were forgiven on a cross 2000 years ago, on Calvary's Cross on a Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock in the afternoon that you verify with secular history. God turned off the sin meter and He quit counting. That's the objective fact. It's done. And you should be hearing that in your churches every Sunday. When we forgive one another, forgiveness is a reset button. We don't have to keep a record as God doesn't keep a record.