



“Living In His Forgiveness”

Series: “Living The Good Life”, Part 1 of 6

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Text: Romans 8:1-11

Big Idea: Understanding the nature and implications of God’s forgiveness is a key to a flourishing Christian life.

Romans 8:1-4, Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

Romans 7:14-18, We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

Romans 7:24, What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

Romans 7:25a, Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

I. We Have Misguided Beliefs About Who God Is And What He’s Like.

Exodus 34:6-7a, And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.”

Isaiah 43:25, I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

Micah 7:18-19, Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Luke 6:35b-36, He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

II. Frankly, We Don't Feel Forgiven.

Psalm 103:12, As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

III. We've Never Actually Repented Of Our Sin And Surrendered Our Life To God.

2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

A. Repent, and confess your sin to God.

Isaiah 45:22, "Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other."

1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

B. Believe in Christ and receive His forgiveness.

John 1:12, "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

C. Surrender your life in full devotion to Him.