

FORGIVEN

Luke 7:24-50; Ephesians 4:32

How does God forgive sin / what issue does it resolve?

God's forgiveness is full; it fills me - emptiness Eph 2:17; Col 2:10, 13

God's forgiveness is free; it frees me - enslavement Rom 3:24, 25

God's forgiveness is forever; it is final - eternity Ps 103:12; Eccl 3:11, 14; Heb 10:14

God's forgiveness forgets; it fulfills me - enjoyment Jer 31:34; Heb 10:16-18

Simon the Pharisee characterizes unforgiveness Lk 7:24-50

Self-righteous - He was empty before God - he didn't see himself as he was

Judgmental - He was enslaved by his own sin - he didn't see the woman as she was

Unhappy - He didn't enjoy God or others - he didn't see God as He is

The sinful town woman personifies forgiveness Lk 7:24-50

Forgiven people are free with their emotions - weep / laugh; feast / fast

Forgiven people are uninhibited in their actions - tears / hair / kiss

Forgiven people are extravagant in their giving - alabaster jar of perfume

To forgive I must be forgiven Eph 4:32

As I am forgiven, I forgive others - I am a great sinner 1 Tim 1:15

The greater my forgiveness, the deeper my love for God and others Lk 7:47

Have you ever asked anyone to forgive you? Lk 18:13