

GETTING A GRIP ON GOD'S FORGIVENESS

I. Seeing The Need For God's Forgiveness

James 2:10, Romans 3:10-12; 6:23

- This means _____ people need the _____ !
- Sin in life can affect us...

- It amazes me how today people go to a counselor or a psychologist to get _____ for issues that the only the _____ has answers for! (Prov. 14:12; John 8:32, 36; Col. 2:6-10; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; & 2 Pt 1:2-4)

II. The Basis Of God's Forgiveness

- Biblical forgiveness is based on meeting _____ that God has provided in His love, mercy, & grace toward sinful man!
- Biblical forgiveness doesn't mean there won't be _____ or _____ consequences for what we do – there was with David & there may be with you, but you can still experience the _____ of God & a _____ conscience for whatever is hanging over you!

III. Defining God's Forgiveness

“forgiveness” (aphesis) =

- There are 3 kinds of forgiveness we need to be aware of:

1) _____ **forgiveness** – this is legal or _____ forgiveness of our sins (Heb. 9:11-12, 24-26; 10:10-12)

2) _____ **forgiveness** - this is a family matter demanding, not _____ forgiveness, but _____ or _____ forgiveness (1 John 1:9)

3) **Forgiveness toward** _____ in the body - as members of the body of Christ we sometimes offend or _____ against one another.

IV. Biblical Examples Of God's Forgiveness

- *Forgiveness* is the story of the _____, for through it you will see again and again the _____ of God toward undeserving _____ like you & me.

Examples:

V. Experiencing God's Forgiveness Personally

- To receive God's forgiveness, you can either go by the unchanging _____ of God's objective _____ on the matter, or you can go by your own fluctuating subjective _____ !

- What about Matthew 6:14-15?

(Corey Ten Boom & the Nazi guard)