

**"The Joy of Sins Forgiven"**  
Psalm 32

God's children rejoice in the wonder of the forgiveness of sins

**1. Introduction to the Blessed Life!**

vv. 1-2

(1) **The blessedness of justification by faith**

*"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered!"*

- God justifies the ungodly! cf. Rom. 4:5-8

(2) **The nature of sin**

- "transgression" = rebellion; a "breaking loose"
- "sin" = "to miss the mark"
- "iniquity" = "to bend or twist"
- "deceit"

(3) **The nature of forgiveness**

- "forgiven" = "to carry, lift up, bear"
- "covered"
- "not impute" = not put to my account!

**2. Sin – Unconfessed and Confessed**

vv. 3-7

(1) **The Agony of Harboring Sin** (3-4)

*"When I kept silent..."*

- Psychological and physical consequences of the guilt of sin
- God's chastening hand upon His own children

(2) **The Dynamic of Confession** (5)

- An open acknowledgment

*"I acknowledged my sin to You,  
and my iniquity I have not hidden..."*

- An unweaving

- A clear resolve to deal sincerely before God

*"I said, 'I will confess my transgressions  
to the LORD'..."*

(3) **Admonition to prompt repentance** (6-7)

*"For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray  
to You in a time when You may be found"*

**3. The Blessedness of Intimacy with God**

vv. 8-11

(1) **One Greater than David Speaks!** (8)

*"I will instruct you and teach you  
in the ways which you should go;  
I will guide you with My eye upon you."*

(2) **Guard and Cultivate such intimacy!** (9)

- Requiring external restraints!

*"Do not be like the horse or the mule..."*

(3) **Only two courses a life may take!** (10)

-1- The "way of many sorrows"

*"Many sorrows shall be to the wicked;  
but he who trusts in the LORD,  
mercy shall surround him."*

-2- The "way of mercy"

- The way of trusting in the Lord, trusting only in His mercy

(4) **Here is reason to shout for joy!** (11)

**Further Application**