

## WE NEED FORGIVENESS BY THE GOD WHO FORGIVES

1. We speak in the name of Jesus Christ [Phil. 2:9; Eph. 1:21]. Lk 24:46-47
2. We summon you. We want you to know Jesus. Your eternity is at stake.

### 1st: We Need Forgiveness

1. Who are we? Gn 1:27; 2:7. We are *image of God* – made to be like God & to live with God.
2. Deceived – disobeyed – cursed with death. God gave provisions for forgiveness.
3. We are born into Adam's fallen condition: shame & guilt. Adam covered himself with fig leaf & ran from God. Blamed God for his condition.
4. How do we experience shame/guilt? Conscience - Rom 2:14-16. A little courtroom.
5. Why do we need forgiveness? B/c we are sinners. What is "sin"? Exo 20:1-17. Love God & neighbor [Mrk 12:29-31; 1 Jn 3:4]. Are you a sinner? Sinners need forgiveness!

### 2nd: The God Who Forgives

1. Whose idea is forgiveness? Revelation of God's name - Ex 34:6-8.
3. v6-7a -the LORD of forgiveness
  - i. *compassionate*
  - ii. *gracious*
  - iii. *slow to anger*
  - iv. *abounding in lovingkindness*
  - v. *truth*
  - vi. v7 repeats *lovingkindness - forgiveness*
    - a. *iniquity*
    - b. *transgression*
    - c. *sin*
4. v7b – the LORD of righteous retribution
  - i. *yet by no means leave guilty unpunished*
  - ii. *visiting* - Exo 20:4-6.
5. Is there tension here? Not in God, but in us. God resolves the tension in the cross – Rom 3:23-25a. God gives mercy righteously – Rom 3:26b. The cross reveals the God of Ex 34:6-7.
6. Confess sin; call on His name; trust in Christ – glorify the God who forgives sinners!