



WHY DON'T I FEEL FORGIVEN?

(PSALM 32:1-2)

SERMON NOTE

The Bible says, *"Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity..."* (**Psalm** 32:1-2). But what if I don't feel like I've been forgiven by God?

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I) Feeling Forgiven

- A) Feelings alone are not legitimate forms of Biblical teachings of forgivenesses. Neither is this the true of salvation (**1 John** 5:13).
- B) While the Bible reveals there is a feeling of joy associated with forgiveness and salvation, (**Psa** 51:12), feelings alone do not guarantee or legitimize forgiveness of sins. One isn't saved or forgiven just because they feel so.

II) Why I May Not Feel Forgiven

- A) Maybe because I haven't (**Acts** 19:1-7).
 - 1) Peter said one must repent & be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins (**Acts** 2:38).
 - 2) The Greek word, *eis* (εἰς), translated "for," in **Acts** 2:38, denotes entrance into, or direction and limit: into, to, toward. Whereas *gár* (**Mat** 1:21; 4:17), assigns reason.
- B) Maybe I lack necessary faith (**1 John** 1:9)
 - 1) Paul's story proves the depth and the power of God's mercy (**1 Tim** 1:12-16).
 - 2) We must appreciate and pursue the love and eternal purpose of God (**1 John** 4:7-10).

My Sermon Notes

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C) Maybe Because I Refuse To confront My sins
(**Psalm** 32:1-6).

D) Maybe I Lack godly repentance (**2 Cor** 7:8-13).

E) Maybe My Devotion and relationship to
the Lord isn't what it should be.

1) Heart-felt repentance results in a real change in one's actions.

2) One must bear the fruits of repentance (**Mat** 3:7-10; **Acts** 26:19-20).

3) Consider **1 John** 3:19-22.

