

**“A Lesson on Forgiveness”**

Text: Psalm 32

Scripture reading: Colossians 2:1-15

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Reference Ps. 51:12-13

**I. The blessed state** – vv. 1-2 (Rom. 4:5-8)

A) An \_\_\_\_\_ assessment

-Transgression:

-Sin:

-Iniquity:

B) A \_\_\_\_\_ application

-Forgiveness:

-Covered:

-Iniquities NOT imputed:  
(II Cor. 5:21)

## II. The troubled state – vv. 3-4

A) Keeping \_\_\_\_\_ - vv. 3-4 (Ps. 139:23-24)

B) Confessing \_\_\_\_\_ - vs. 5

“Selah” = \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

## III. The instructed state – vv. 6-11

A) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ His pardoning mercy – vv. 6-7

B) \_\_\_\_\_ to His righteousness – vv. 8-9 (I Cor. 10:13)

C) \_\_\_\_\_ yourself with His lovingkindness – vv. 10-11

*“The first step to the cure of a wounded conscience is for thee to know the grace of God, especially the grace of God as to justification.”*

-John Bunyan

## SERMON QUOTES:

*“Pardoning mercy is of all things in the world most to be prized, for it is the only and sure way to happiness.”*  
Charles H. Spurgeon

### **I. A blessed state – vv. 1-2**

Alexander Maclaren,

*“You do not understand the gravity of the most trivial wrong act when you think of it as a sin against the order of Nature, or against the law written on your heart, or as the breach of constitution of your own nature, or as a crime against your fellows. You have not got to the bottom of blackness until you see that it is a flat rebellion against God Himself.”*

Pastor Steve Lawson; (writing on man’s view of sin versus God’s view of sin),

*“Man calls it an accident; God calls it an abomination.*

*Man calls it a blunder; God calls it blasphemy.*

*Man calls it a chance; God calls it a choice.*

*Man calls it an error; God calls it enmity.*

*Man calls it a fascination; God calls it fatality.*

*Man calls it an infirmity; God calls it iniquity.*

*Man calls it luxury; God calls it leprosy.*

*Man calls it liberty; God calls it lawlessness.*

*Man calls it a trifle; God calls it tragedy.*

*Man calls it a mistake; God calls it madness.*

*Man calls it a weakness; God calls it willfulness.”*