

“For They Shall All Know Me”

Developing a New Covenant Relationship with God

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Lesson 12. I Will Forgive Their Iniquity

God wants to have mercy on all



God wants a relationship with people

Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. **For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.**

Goals

- Know what sin is, why it separates us from God, and what God has done about it in the New Covenant
- Examine why it is easy for us to strive for perfect lawkeeping rather than faithfulness
- Consider ways to keep the guilt of past sins from damaging your current relationship with God

Law shows us what's right and wrong

Romans 3:5-28

- ▶ Law brings a knowledge right and wrong
- ▶ We become aware of our sin.
- ▶ “Men and brethren, what should we do?”

God's plan shows mercy to everyone

Romans 3:5-28

- ▶ God is the judge
- ▶ He's also the only one who could provide a solution to sin.
- ▶ Thus, he is both just and justifier
- ▶ Under his New plan. . .
 - ▶ there is no room for boasting
 - ▶ we live under a law of faith
 - ▶ the law of works is satisfied

Jesus is God's solution to sin.

Hebrews 9:15-28

- ▶ Jesus blood was a necessary condition for the New Covenant.
- ▶ Jesus' death took care of sin once for all.
- ▶ When he comes back he won't have to deal with sin again, but rather will deal with salvation.

‘The Law’ is both a thing and an idea



The thing: The written Law of Moses
The idea: Justification through a system of works

Life is hard for those who want to do right

Romans 7:1-25

- ▶ There's always a conflict between the flesh and the spirit
- ▶ If you're in Christ, you'd like to *never* sin.
- ▶ But, that doesn't happen.
- ▶ So, what do we do?

There is no condemnation

Romans 8:1-11

- ▶ No condemnation exists for those in Christ
- ▶ You are set free from sin
- ▶ The requirements of the law are fulfilled in those who walk not in the flesh, but in the Spirit.

Faithfulness not perfection

Hebrews 11:1

- ▶ Faith *is* our assurance.
- ▶ Faith *is* our conviction.
- ▶ You have to trust God that he's forgiven your sins.
- ▶ How do I get that faith? (Rom. 10:17)

I Will Forgive Their Sins

Sin separates us from God.

- ▶ Law shows us what's right and wrong
- ▶ God's plan forgives our sins...
- ▶ And, keeps Him just.
- ▶ The plan required the blood of Jesus

Our lack of perfection is frustrating

- ▶ People who love God want to do what's right
- ▶ But we can be frustrated because we're not perfect.
- ▶ Jesus is the solution to those problems, too.

Have faith in your forgiveness

- ▶ *No* condemnation exists for those in Christ.
- ▶ You have to trust God.
- ▶ Bolster your faith through the Word.