

## **The Blessings of Being Forgiven** **Psalm 32**

**Introduction:** What is it that makes one truly happy in life?

**Context:** David's sin of adultery (with Bathsheba) and murder (of Uriah)

Psalm 51:1-13

### **Sin and forgiveness (1-2):**

Transgression (*peshah*) = rebellion against God

Sin (*cattath*) = missing the mark, straying from the way

Iniquity (*hawon*) = crooked

Forgives – lift off, take away, bear the burden

Covers – clothe the nakedness (shame)

Does not impute – cancellation of the debt and exchange for Christ's righteousness

Three OT illustrations of forgiveness – Psalm 103:12, Micah 7:18-19, Jeremiah 31:34

The Gospel – Psalm 32:1-2 & Romans 4:1-8, 24-25

### **Confession of sin (3-5):**

The consequences of unconfessed sin

The blessing of believers confessing sin (1 John 1:9-10)

### **Repentance, Safety and Worship (6-11):**

Today is the day of salvation – repent while He is near

God's goodness – He will teach, lead and lead you to repentance

A call to rejoice in the God who saves!

### **Application: Why do we remain silent and not confess our sins? (James 5:13-16)**

1. Pride, shame, fear of man
2. The worldly "right to privacy"
3. The worldly lie of perfectionism
4. The law – shoulds and oughts
5. Judgmentalism – be a humble vessel that people want to come to
6. Not knowing that what we are doing is sin – requires loving confrontation