## Encouraging the Pathway to Blessed Forgiveness Psalm 32 February 4, 2018

David had a great resume for sin and forgiveness. (Psalm 51:12-13)

Two things I know with absolute certainty.

- 1) We are all sinful.
- 2) We all need God's forgiveness to be happy.

I want to encourage you to walk the pathway of confession that leads to blessed forgiveness.

What is preaching? What should preaching a text accomplish?

## The Multiplied Happinesses of the Forgiven v 1-2

The only truly happy man is the forgiven man.

Three words for sin: Transgression, Sin, Iniquity

What is Deceit?

Three words for forgiveness: Forgiven, Covered, Not imputed

Garrison Keillor, "Guilt is the gift that keeps on giving."

## Remembering the Pathway to Forgiveness v 3-4

When I was lying to myself and to God, perhaps others as well.

Unconfessed sin can be physically debilitating.

God was making me unhappy.

Don't ignore your sizzling conscience.

Come to God in repentance and forgiveness is promised, it is guaranteed.

(Psalm 103:12; 1 John 1:9; John 6:37; Proverbs 28:13; Matthew 11:28-29; Psalm 51:10-12)

How does David persuade them to confess?

David will instruct sinners in the way. (Psalm 51:12-13)

But don't be stubborn.

## Many are the sorrows of the wicked.

Your sins, yes, even yours, can be forgiven. You guilt can be removed.