

IMAGE BEARERS  
FINAL SESSION, last semester  
FORGIVENESS: God FORGIVES because GOD Pays the debt

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I      FORGIVENESS: The act of taking responsibility for paying for another's sin.

Only the God of the Bible whose beloved Son paid the debt for the believer's salvation is One who completely \_\_\_\_\_ sin. God's restoration of the relationship because of forgiveness, entails the removal of \_\_\_\_\_ guilt. To forgive the offense against God's holiness or the perpetrator of the offense are \_\_\_\_\_.

The Hebrew and Greek words are very descriptive. They enable us to catch a glimpse of the amazing character quality modeled by God and shared with His children. The meaning of these words will widen our understanding of this gift of grace from God that we can extend to others.

1. Hebrew words describing 'forgiveness'
  - a. Kapar - 'to cover'
  - b. Nasa - 'to bear, to take away guilt' (used of both divine and human forgiveness)
  - c. Salah - 'to pardon'
  
2. Greek words describing 'forgiveness'
  - a. Apoluo - 'to send away' or 'to pardon a debt'
  - b. Paresis - 'to disregard' -
  - c. Charizomai - 'to forgive, to pardon sins' (expresses the 'graciousness' of God's forgiveness in Christ)
  - d. Aphesis - 'to send away' or to 'let go' (most common NT word) - the act of forgiving

\*\*For sinners to receive forgiveness from a Holy God, REPENTANCE of sin is necessary (Luke 17:3,4). When God extends forgiveness based on the shed blood of the Lord Jesus (Heb. 9:22-26), He opens the door for a new kind (freedom) of \_\_\_\_\_ with Him and with each other. The enjoyment is free; the \_\_\_\_\_ of freedom is \_\_\_\_\_.

II      MODELS OF Forgiveness in Scripture are found...

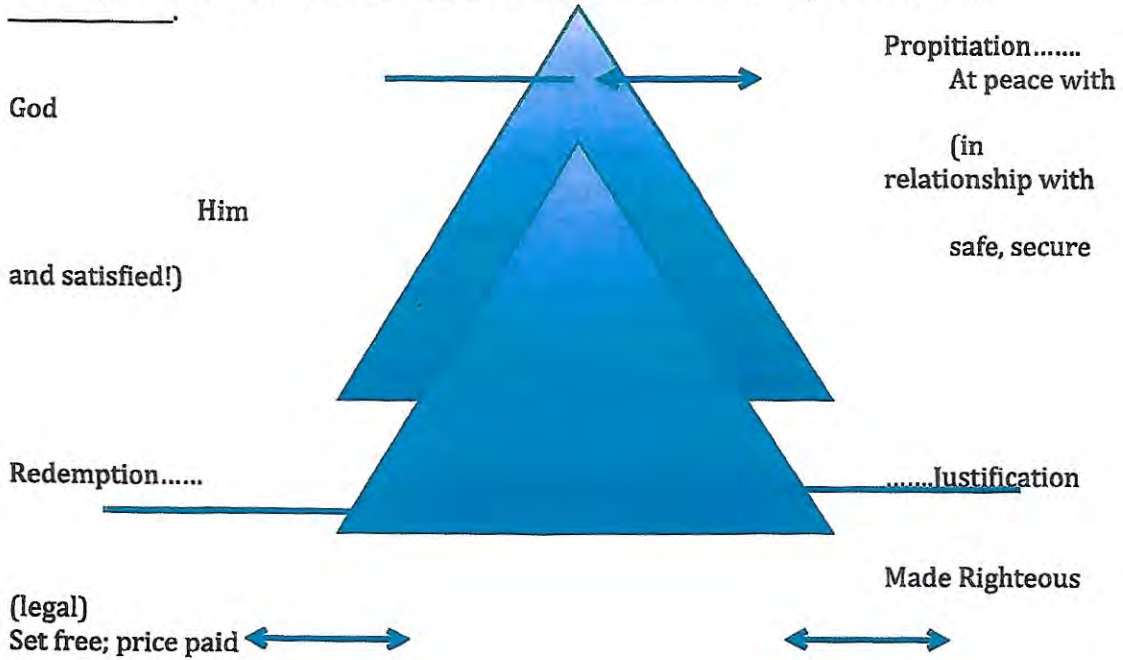
...in the OT stories which are historically true and carry with them real life sins that require the need for real time forgiveness. Some include symbolism that points clearly to the spiritual solution forgiveness offers. The NT stories and lessons are also in real time and space and teach forgiveness; others are parables Jesus told that teach how to forgive. The author of Hebrews warned against refusing to repent, choosing instead to become bitter.

1. In the story of JOSEPH
  
2. In the book of HOSEA

3. In Zechariah 3:1-10
4. Luke 15:1-32
5. Luke 17:4; Matt. 18:35
6. 1 John 1:5-10
7. Hebrews 12:14 - 17

### III CONCLUSION

The attributes of love and forgiveness are dependent on three marvelous words that link together to provide the believing \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to enjoy fellowship with the grace of our Triune God all because the Father sent His Son – our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ who died, rose from death and has ascended to advocate on our behalf! His gracious love and forgiveness draws us to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the way we relate with \_\_\_\_\_.



Women of the Word  
IMAGE BEARERS: Made for Relationship, Worship, Service, Holiness  
LOVE and FORGIVENESS – the Bridge that leads us to worship God...

I Introduction: Second Semester

As true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we are made to worship our Triune God and called to glorify the One who made us, saved us and is sanctifying us. As new believers, we bask in the love and forgiveness of God through the Lord Jesus, focusing on Him. These attributes compel us to trust and grow. Peter exhorts us in this way in 2 Peter 3:17, 18.

*'You, therefore, beloved, knowing this (...see v. 18 where Peter warns against the untaught and unstable distort as they do the rest of the Scriptures...) beforehand, be on your guard lest, being carried away by the error of unprincipled men, you fall from your own steadfastness, BUT grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.'*

Our spiritual life in Christ occurs as we understand better, God's love and forgiveness. These attributes of God are those that introduced us to God's heart toward His own. Spiritual growth flourishes as we better understand our amazing salvation; we fall to our knees and worship our Father, Son and His Holy Spirit. Our lives are transformed 'from one degree of glory to another' (2 Cor. 3:18) by the Lord the Spirit working in us.

'Focusing our eyes upon Jesus' (Heb. 12:3) enlarges our view of the attributes of God that draw us in to see essential things about Him that we cannot live without, neither now nor in eternity. Our second semester will focus on the nine

II Classifying the two groupings of God's Attributes

A. Class ONE Attributes distinguish God's as incommunicable, absolute, immanent and constitutional. We will study these nine attributes over the next few months. They will clarify how they set our Triune God apart as 'God ALONE' rendering Him as incomprehensible, self-sufficient and self-existent. They will display clearly why we as creatures, made in God's image and made for eternity depend on them forever.

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| - Simplicity   | - Omnipresence |
| - Unity        | - Sovereignty  |
| - Infinity     | - Omniscience  |
| - Eternity     | - Omnipotence  |
| - Immutability |                |

A. Class TWO Attributes are those we have studied that are found in a limited sense in man and as a divine gifts in a reflexive sense in true believers. They are communicable, relative, transient and pertain to our person.

III NEW YEAR LEARNING: A Call to Worship our Amazing, Unfathomable God!

As true believers grow to know God better through Creation, in the Spirit's Word and finally in His Son, we recognize that we need help in all areas of life down here! It is through the obedience of prayer, we declare HIS glory and declare our dependence!