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IS FORGIVENESS REALLY FOREVER?

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.”

Ephesians 1:3-14

My salvation is found _____

_____ I have _____

HOW CAN I BE SURE?

Because I have been...

1. _____ according to _____

2. _____ by _____

3. _____ by the _____

Memory Verse

“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

1 John 5:12-13

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior for the first time
- Memorize 1 John 5:12-13
- Set aside time this week to give thanks to God for gift of salvation found in Christ
- Invite someone to join us next weekend for the start of *At the Movies*
- Get the most out of today's teaching by participating in a Life Group this week



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Discussion Questions - Week #6

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend “Is Forgiveness Really Forever” in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Looking at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Is there any practical step you plan on taking this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

▶ This weekend was Memorial Day weekend. It is generally viewed as the unofficial start of summer. What do you most often think of when you hear the word summer?

▶ What are you most looking forward to this summer?

▶ What is one lesson that stood out to you most from our series on forgiveness?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In the message this weekend, Pastor Andrew shared that to experience assurance, we must remember God's promises. Read Romans 8:31-39. How does this passage encourage you about the security of your salvation?

What statement speaks to you the most?

How do you think being sure of your salvation should impact your day to day life?

How can you ensure that a passage like this leads to greater humility rather than pride?

2. In Ephesians, Paul tells us that the Holy Spirit is the seal of our salvation. Thus, living our lives according to the Spirit is a sign that we are saved. Read Galatians 5:16-25. If a non-Christian asked “what does it mean to walk by the Spirit” how would you answer?

Do you feel like the Spirit actively guides your life? Why or why not?

Which of the fruit of the Spirit do you see most abundantly in your life?

Which fruit would you like to see more of in your life?

3. The book of Hebrews tells us that God's discipline is a sign of our inclusion in His family. Read Hebrews 12:4-11. What do you think God's discipline looks like?

What is the purpose of God's discipline?

Can you think of a time in your life when you experienced God's discipline? If so, what did it produce?

Do you think there could be a problem with relying on God's discipline as a sign of our salvation?

TAKING IT HOME

☞ What is one way that you can give thanks to God this week for the salvation He's given us in Christ?

☞ How can the group be praying for you to live out of the certainty of God's salvation?

PRAYER REQUESTS