

# EPHESIANS SERIES

## 'IN CHRIST JESUS'

### Session Four

#### **Quick Recap**

Ephesians 1:3

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.

Some specific blessings

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| 1. Chosen             | Ephesians 1:4 |
| 2. Holy and Blameless | Ephesians 1:4 |
| 3. Adoption           | Ephesians 1:5 |
| 4. Redemption         | Ephesians 1:7 |
| 5. Forgiveness        | Ephesians 1:7 |

#### **FORGIVENESS**

**Ephesians 1:7**

In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins...

Definition:

The act of excusing or pardoning another in spite of their shortcomings and errors. Theologically, God's pardon of the sins of human beings.

#### **1. Need for forgiveness**

1 John 1:5

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you 'God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

1 Peter 1:16

...be holy, because I am holy

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Example: Isaiah 6:1-7

## 2. Extent of God's forgiveness

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together says the Lord. Though your sins be like scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

Isaiah 38:17

...you have put all my sins behind your back (**out of sight**)

Micah 7:19

...and hurl our iniquities into the depths of the sea

Psalms 103:12

...as far as the east from west (**out of reach**)

Jeremiah 31:34

...and will remember their sins no more (**out of mind**)

## 3. The Cross and Forgiveness

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 23:34

Father forgive them for they know not what they do...

Forgiveness is costly

## 4. Living in our forgiveness

- Refute the attacks of the evil one. Revelation 12:10
- Claim the promise of Ephesians 1:7 ...in him...we have forgiveness of sins.
- Rely on Romans 8:1 ...Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus
- Catch up, as necessary, with God's forgiveness

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

- Forgive others

Colossians 3:13

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

***Be generous in your forgiveness. Matthew 18:21-22***