



MESSAGE NOTES

The Blessing Of God's Forgiveness

Psalm 32

Romans 4:1-8 James Brown

The greatest blessing

When we choose to follow Jesus, we receive the blessing of God's forgiveness. This is the fundamental truth of Christianity. We are accepted by God because of Jesus. And it is this blessing which is the foundation for all of God's other blessings.

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.

After we have received the blessing of God's forgiveness, we are then able to receive the fullness of all of His other spiritual blessings.

Freedom from every curse

Another thing which the blessing of God's forgiveness brings is freedom from every curse and power over all spiritual forces of darkness. Because Jesus paid the price for all our sins there's no such thing as God's punishment or God's curse upon our lives.

Romans 8:33-34 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

One of Satan's favourite lies is that 'your sins aren't really forgiven'. But the Spirit of Truth within us is greater than this spirit of darkness.

An intimate relationship with God

The blessing of God's forgiveness is also what allows us to enter into a close personal relationship with Him.

John 15:15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

So we can have a relationship with God just like any relationship we would have with a close friend or family member. We can speak to Him anytime, anywhere and about anything. This is a wonderful privilege that is only made possible by His forgiveness through Jesus.