

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
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SERMON OUTLINE 7/18/10

BIBLE PASSAGE: *Luke 5:12-26, (see also Matthew 9:1-8 & Mark 2:1-12)*

TITLE: “JESUS CHRIST: THE GREAT FORGIVER OF SINS”.

INTRO:

1. Seven messages in this series to date. Jesus Christ: Son of _____, Only Way to God, _____ of Life, Resurrection & Life, Living _____, Powerful/Tender Shepherd, and Lord of the Sabbath.
2. Consider this story It’s a familiar one that has played out in many families.
3. Are you a believer? Do you appreciate the freedom you have in Christ?

PROPOSITION: Sin is a major problem for mankind/produces a BARRIER between us and God. Sin offends God and cages mankind. We all need forgiveness!

I. FORGIVENESS DEMONSTRATED, Luke 5:17-24

A. The Event, *verses 17-20.*

- a. A request for _____ dramatized, *verses 18, 19.*
- b. A spiritual response to a _____ request, *verse 20, cf. Psalm 103:1-5.*

B. The Offense, *verses 21-24.*

1. The Pharisees brought a serious charge, *verse 21.*
2. Jesus _____ His ability to forgive, *verses 22-24.*

II. LESSONS IN FORGIVENESS, Luke 5:25, 26.

- A. There Is An Individual Response To Forgiveness, *verse 25.*
 - 1. Gratitude.
 - 2. Obedience and action, *cf. Luke 19:1-10.*

- B. There Is A Corporate Response To Forgiveness, *verse 26.*
 - 1. _____ are amazed, *cf. Mark 10:23-27*
 - 2. Some glory God.
 - 3. Some are filled with fear

- C. God/Christ Loves To Forgive, *cf. Luke 7:36-50*
 - 1. Most had written this _____ off...
 - 2. Was she worthy of forgiveness?
 - a. In the eyes of mankind?
 - b. In the eyes of God?
 - 3. Granted forgiveness _____ to grateful love, *verses 37 & 38, 44-47.*
 - 4. *Verse. 50* says it all, *cf. Luke 15:1-10.*

- D. Forgiveness Is A Release.
 - 1. Forgetting the past and reaching forward, *cf. Philippians 3:12-15.*
 - 2. Release from _____/freedom to _____.

CONCLUSION:

- 1. Are you forgiven/"Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?"
- 2. Will you serve/from the heart?