

**Forgiveness in  
the Gospel  
Era Transition  
(Part 1)**

*Scripture Reading:*

**Mark 2:1-12**

# INTRODUCTION

◇ It is vitally important to distinguish

*HOW God forgives*, and

*WHAT God forgives*,

at different periods of human history

◇ For the approximate 1400 years *under Law* God made provision through substitutionary animal sacrifices to:

◇ Forgive the transgressions against the requirement of Mosaic Law, and

◇ Cover (atone) those same transgressions seen as sin against Himself



# INTRODUCTION

- ◆ When we come to *the gospel era of the Law* (Christ's earthly life), we see changes concerning:
  - ◆ how God forgives, and
  - ◆ what He forgives



# Jesus' Authority to Forgive Sins While on Earth

(Mark 2:1-12)

## The reality of sin and forgiveness

- Sin was only against God - Ps 51:4
  - Sin can have effects on people - Matt 18:21

## Other examples of Jesus forgiving sins

- A sinful woman - Lk 7:37, 47-49
- The Roman soldiers at the cross - Lk 23:34

# Two Kinds of Ministers

(II Cor 2:17)

## Those who “make a trade of the Word of God”

- **False apostles**
  - cf II Cor 11:13-15

## Those who are:

- **“Sincere”**
  - handling the Word of God accurately
- **“Out of God”**
  - as to their source



# The Fulfilling Sacrifice for Sin of Jesus Christ

## ◇ Heralded by John the baptizer

◇ John's prophesied ministry - Lk 1:76 -79

◇ John's prophesied messaged - Jn 1:29

## ◇ Heralded by John the baptizer Jesus, Himself

◇ Lk 4:17-21, cf Jn 8:24

## ◇ Heralded by Peter

◇ Acts 10:43

# The Fulfilling Sacrifice for Sin of Jesus Christ

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## ◆ Heralded by Paul

◆ Acts 13:32-39 - Paul's message at the Antioch synagogue

◆ Vs 32 - the resurrection promise made to the (OT Jewish) fathers

◆ Vs 33 – Ps 2:7 “begotten” = appointed to resurrection and rule

◆ Vs 34 – the sure mercies of David (lit, ‘the faithful undefiled’)

◆ Promised to David , cf Isa 55:3

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## ◆ Heralded by Paul (continued)

- ◆ Vs 35 – Ps 16:10 promise not to see corruption
- ◆ Vs 36 – David experienced corruption
- ◆ Vs 37 – Jesus Christ experienced no corruption



# The Message of Forgiveness of Sin Sent to ALL THE WORLD

## To the Jew first –

- Rom 1:16
- Lk 24:46-47

## And, also, to the Greek

- Act 26:16-18 “...that they may receive forgiveness of sins”

# CONCLUSION

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Under OT Law, Israel (and any Gentile who would come to God through Israel) could have their transgressions forgiven, and their sins covered.

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During Christ's earthly ministry, personal sin could be forgiven directly by Christ Himself, apart from a substitutionary animal sacrifice.

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After Christ's bodily resurrection, Christ's payment for sin can now be applied by faith alone in His substitutionary sacrifice.

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Now, the sins of the believer are completely and eternally "sent away"