

Two Levels of Forgiveness for the Grace Believer:

Scripture Reading:

I John 1:1-2:1

Judicial Forgiveness in Our
Position in Christ
and

Family Forgiveness in Our
Present Experience on Earth

INTRODUCTION

- ◆ Eph 1:3 “...blessed with all spiritual blessings in the heavenlies in Christ”
- ◆ **God the Father has spoken will of us:**
 - ◆ Being dead with Christ to what He died for (sin) - Gal 2:20
 - ◆ Being buried, raised, and ascended with Christ – Col 2:12; Eph 2:6
 - ◆ In Christ, He sees all our trespasses (offenses) and sins to be forgiven (sent away) – Eph 1:7, Col 1:14

INTRODUCTION

- ◆ **Therefore, in Christ, the Father sees us with no condemnation – Rom 8:1**
- ◆ **Since our trespasses and sin are forgiven in Christ, why do we need to confess our sins? 1 Jn 1:9**

Two Times of Complete Redemption

- ◆ Reminder: 3 stages of redemption:
 - ◆ Providing redemption - agoradzo
 - ◆ Applying redemption - lutrao
 - ◆ Fully applying redemption - apolutrao
- ◆ The payment for our sin has been fully provided, but only fully applied IN CHRIST – Eph 1:7, Col 1:14

Two Times of Complete Redemption (continued)

- ◇ That payment for our sin has not yet been fully applied in our present experience here on Earth
 - ◇ “Complete redemption” of our body is yet future – Rom 8:23
- ◇ The Holy Spirit’s indwelling is our guarantee of our future “complete redemption”
- ◇ The NT grace believer is securely sealed unto the (future) day of “complete redemption” – the Rapture of the Church – Eph 4:30

Two Locations Where Forgiveness Takes Place

◆ In the heavenlies in Christ – Eph 1:7

◆ There, we are not seen as possessing a sin nature – Col 2:12-13

◆ Here on Earth, we still are in possession of a sin nature –
I Jn 1:8-10

◆ “...we (true Christians) deceive ourselves if we say that we have no sin (nature)” – vs 8

Two Locations Where Forgiveness Takes Place

(continued)

- ◆ “...we (true Christians) make God a liar if we say that we have not sinned (nor can sin since we became a Christian)”
– vs 10
- ◆ We (true Christians) are forgiven our sin actions (here on Earth) if we confess to God those actions as sin – vs 10
- ◆ The Apostle John’s desire that we do not use our sin nature
– I Jn 2:1

CONCLUSION

We now have complete redemption in our position in Christ but will only have complete redemption applied to our mortal bodies at the Rapture.



Therefore, while we presently possess a sin nature, we have the unique opportunity to choose NOT to yield to it, but to yield to our now TRUE IDENTITY of how God sees us in Christ (dead to our sin nature -Rom 6:11)

CONCLUSION

- ◆ **Whenever our actions fail to measure up to how God sees us in His Son, then we are to exercise God's provision of 'family forgiveness' by confessing our acts of sin to God**
- ◆ **"Father, what I said or did was not how you see me in your Son" – I Jn 1:9**
 - ◆ **A small washing, not a complete bath – Jn 13:10-11**