

Songs of Forgiveness
1. Forgiveness and Joy (Psalm 32)

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I. Forgiveness - Why is it Needed?

II. Forgiveness - How is it Given?

III. Forgiveness - What Does it Lead to?

Psalm 32(NIV)

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- 1 Blessed is the one
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.
- 2 Blessed is the one
whose sin the Lord does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.
- 3 When I kept silent,
my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- 4 For day and night your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*
- 6 Therefore let all the faithful pray to you
while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters
will not reach them.
- 7 You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance. *Selah*
- 8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.
- 9 Do not be like the horse or the mule,
which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle
or they will not come to you.
- 10 Many are the woes of the wicked,
but the Lord's unfailing love
surrounds the one who trusts in him.
- 11 Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!