



Why Ask For Forgiveness If We have Been Forgiven?

Episode #147

Introduction

I. Today's Question

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When we come to Christ in Salvation, we have been forgiven of our sin. If that is true, why must we confess our sins to God in prayer?

II. The Benefit of Salvation

a. When Jesus died on the cross, he paid the price for ours sins.

Scripture 1 John 2:2

And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

b. Through Christ's redemption, believers have the forgiveness of sin.

Scripture Ephesians 1:6-8

⁶to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. ⁷In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence,

c. With forgiveness, our sin have been permanently removed.

Scripture Psalm 103:12

As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

d. All of our sin has been forgiven on a judicial basis.

III. The Confusion

Knowing that all or our sin has been forgiven, we struggle with the need to confess.

III. The Need For Confession

a. When we sin, we affect the relationship with God.

b. Like human relationships, there is the need to restore the fellowship.

c. Christ's sacrifice offers the opportunity for believers to restore the fellowship with confession.

Scripture 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

d. Confession of sin keeps us from God's discipline and a hindered prayer life.

Scripture 1 Corinthians 11:31-32

³¹For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

Scripture Psalm 66:18

If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.

Conclusion