

Living in the Joy of Forgiveness

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Psalm 32

Oak Community Church (PCA)

- David's prayer of Forgiveness - the joy of forgiveness
- Blessed is... only the 2nd Psalm that starts^{1,32,41,128}
- The blessing of being forgiven^{2!}
- David enjoys the feeling after keeping silent³⁻⁴
- Keeping silent, being bitter^{Heb12:15} destroys us
- This is a maskil (teaching) from David who knows!

The Sweet Joy of Confession & Forgiveness

- David changed his state by confession of sin⁵
- Adam kept silent(hid) but we can't hide from God^{Jer16:17}
- Confession: 1) acknowledge - tell God 2) did not cover - run to God for help; 3) confess - agree with God about sin
- 1Jn^{1:9} confess=*homo(same) logeo(mind)*.
- We must call sin what God calls sin
- We must realize that God provided for our sin in Jesus
 - David kept silent to hide his sin
 - Jesus kept silent^{Is53:7} and bore our sin
- Result: *God forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah*
- We need God's provision^{2Cor5:20b-21} in Jesus

God is Our Refuge 6-7

- David now instructs us as he promised^{Psa51:13}
- Run to God quickly with your sin - prayer & repentance
- Read Word daily or morning & evening w/ prayer
- Pray Ten Commands as 1) instruction 2) thanksgiving, 3) confession and 4) prayer^{Luther:ASimpleWayToPray}
- Offer prayer while God may be found
- God is a safe place, He preserves us, surrounds us with shouts of deliverance and praise
- But too often we're too busy with our lives...

God's Counsel About Sin is Essential 8-9

- God now speaks to David & David shares those words!
- God promises elect they're never alone^{Dt31:6;Heb13:5;Isa41:10}
- Jesus promised^{Jn14:16-17} His Holy Spirit to help us
- We're warned to not be like a horse or mule (rebellious)
- Otherwise God may give us the bit of suffering
- Listen to (spend time in) God's Word^{Ps19:7}

God's Love Surrounds Those Who Trust Him 10-11

- Contrast of rejection of God and trusting in the Lord¹⁰
- Joy of living with God's *hesed* - steadfast love
- Rejoice in God's *hesed* love because you are forgiven
- Psa 103:12; Rom 5:1-2; Phil 3:9

My God is Great - I don't have to be in control... He is!

My God is Glorious - so I don't have to fear others, just fear God!

My God is Good - Remember Christ came to redeem me on the cross so I don't have to keep looking elsewhere for satisfaction... Christ is all I need!

My God is Gracious - He sent His Son Jesus to pay my debt and give me His righteousness so I don't have to keep trying to prove myself - I just need to look harder in faith into what Jesus did for me!