

# Forgiveness AND Freedom

## Isaiah 53:1-6 (5 minutes)

- Jesus didn't just die to forgive you of your sins, He died to set you free from sins
- A lot of people choose forgiveness over freedom -- God wants you to have both
- People who choose forgiveness over freedom, want to be forgiven but don't want to change
- Check the Bible, every life that collides with Jesus is a changed life -- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Prostitute -- Evangelist | Fisherman -- Fisher of men | Murderer Moses - Law Giver | This room
- Many just want to stay at the door to the Kingdom -- God wants you to step into the Kingdom
- He died to forgive you & set you free -- He died so you could be free of sin and serve a new master

## 7 Times Jesus Bled (5 Minutes)

1. Head: sins of the mind
  2. Hands: everything we've ever done
  3. Feet: everywhere we've ever gone
  4. Stripes: disease
  5. Side: sins in relationships
  6. Sweat: anxiety, mental, distress soul
  7. Bruised: iniquity
- \* Iniquity: the thing that causes us to sin | bend to sin b/c of family/self history

## Illustrations (12 Minutes)

- The power of blood not limited to erasing sin | power of blood goes deeper than (cause, history, desire)
- The power of the blood goes as deep as you want it to
- If only want forgiveness, not freedom = live spiritual defeat, plagued sin, unfulfilled, always need forgiveness because you're not free **(TRASH) (VIDEO)**
- Jesus' blood can destroy the DNA root of sin (family curse) & Desire root of sin (self-taught, learned like)
- **(PATCH)** Forgiveness without freedom only patches the problem - remember Jesus died & resurrected
- The power of the resurrection is a new life - free from sin, free from death, darkness
- It is not God's will for you to have your old life with a forgiveness patch
- God wants you forgiven and free -- you're forgiven to enter a new life, not return to the old one

## Romans 6:1-12 (12 Minutes)

- Die to sin -- this is spiritual first, then it's your choices
- Verse 12 is the turning point: "Don't LET sin reign in your body"

## Romans 6:13-20

- Offer yourself to God | Choose God's way
- **(ROPE)** When you're a slave to sin, you're free from the control of righteousness
- When you're a slave to righteousness, you're free from the control of sin
- Who's holding your rope -- sin or righteousness? (Revelation 3:14)
- It really comes down to this: we are slaves to the thing we obey
- If we obey sin, sin is our master -- If we obey God, God is our master
- Jesus death and resurrection are your death and resurrection
- Offer yourself (members of your body) to God daily -- Obey God
- As you do this, your desires change from sinful desires to righteous desires = changed life

Repent | Replace