

## THE DOCTRINE OF FORGIVENESS (5)

To obtain this forgiveness is simple, from a sinner's perspective: believe on Jesus Christ. What that sinner does not realize is this offer to have sins forgiven is a very complicated and costly undertaking of God. A serious question God must solve in forgiveness is how can He be a perfectly just God and justify a sinner? His solution is Jesus Christ (Rom. 3:26).

Sinners are condemned and owe God a debt for sin they cannot pay so God pays it Himself and extends a grace package invitation that can forgive one from all sin. This is a remarkable offer that is rooted in the infinite wisdom of God.

The forgiveness of God is so complete to one who believes on Christ that it makes that sinner at peace with God (Rom. 5:1) and also makes it impossible for one to ever experience the condemnation of God (Rom. 8:1).

Now a question arises among the unsaved and that question is exactly from what do unsaved people need to be saved? Exactly what is so important that demands unsaved people be forgiven?

Unsaved people need the forgiveness of God for at least four reasons:

**(Reason #1)** - All need the forgiveness of God because all are sinners.

There are four ways that every person is a sinner that are very objective. These are not debatable and very provable:

**Way #1** - Every person is a sinner according to God's Word.

I Kings 8:46; Psalm 143:2; Prov. 20:9; Eccl. 7:20; Rom. 3:9, 10, 12; Rom. 3:19-20; Gal. 3:22; James 3:2; I John 1:8.

No one can deny these verses in the Bible do say we are all sinners. That means we need God's forgiveness.

**Way #2** - Every person is a sinner according to their own personal choices.

Isaiah 53:6; Psalm 14:2-3; Daniel 9:20; Romans 3:23; 7:18-19. We objectively must admit we have made some choices in life that have been sinful. That means we need the forgiveness of God.

**Way #3** - Every person is a sinner according to their own inherited sin nature.

Psalm 51:5; Ephesians 2:3. We are not born with a holy nature, we are born with a sin nature and that sin nature is what prompts us to sin. Therefore we need forgiveness.