

III. THE BENEFITS OF FORGIVENESS (32:6-11)

A. Protection (vs 6-7)

“31 For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.”
I Corinthians 11:31-32

B. Instruction (vs 8-9)

“5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.”
James 1:5-6

C. Compassion (vs 10-11)

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace”
Ephesians 1:7

TIME TO GET YOUR PRAISE ON FOR FORGIVENESS!

“Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.”
Psalm 32:1

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INTRODUCTION

A. We all love to celebrate! We celebrate the day we were born. We celebrate the seasons and holidays. We celebrate accomplishments and anniversaries. Now it's time to get your praise on at CBC.

“Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever.”
Psalm 145:2

B. In Celebrate, we will explore five Psalms that will inspire you to stop complaining and start praising. This five part series features the following messages:

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| June 7 | Celebrate God |
| June 14 | Celebrate Wisdom |
| June 21 | Celebrate Men |
| June 28 | Celebrate America |
| TODAY | Celebrate Forgiveness |

Complete the Psalms 31 Challenge!

C. **TEXT:** Psalm 32:1-11 (Pew Bible/Pg. 559/Old Testament)

Background: David's adulterous relationship with Bathsheba and cover up murder of her husband Uriah (II Samuel 11-12).

Living with regret is not a life sentence!!

CELEBRATE FORGIVENESS

I. THE **BLESSEDNESS** OF FORGIVENESS (32:1-2)

A. The **Feeling** Of Forgiveness (vs 1a, 2a)

“Blessed” means **happy**.

“Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects; Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty.” Job 5:17

“Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.” Matthew 9:2

B. The **Fact** Of Forgiveness (vs 1b, 2b, 2c)

“...Whose sin is covered.” (v 1b)

*“23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,”* Romans 3:23-24

“...the LORD does not impute iniquity,...” (v 2b)

*“7 Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
And whose sins are covered;
8 Blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin.”* Romans 4:7-8

“...And in whose spirit there is no deceit.” (v 2c)

“This being so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.” Acts 24:16

II. THE **BEHAVIOR** OF FORGIVENESS (32:3-5)

A. Do not **conceal** your sin (vs 3-4)

“And he wrote in the letter, saying, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die.”

II Samuel 11:15

“He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.” Proverbs 28:13

- Concealing sin leads to **physical** suffering. (v 3)
- Concealing sin leads to **mental** suffering. (v 4a)
- Concealing sin leads to **emotional** suffering. (v 4b)

B. Do **confess** your sin (v 5)

“So David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.”

II Samuel 12:13
(See Psalm 51)

“8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us..” I John 1:8-10

- Confessing sin leads to **instant** and **complete** forgiveness. (v 5b)

“I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins” Isaiah 43:25