



**March 6-12, 2016**

**Text: Psalm 32**

**Lenten Series:**

***The Many Faces of Sin and the  
Complete Sufficiency of the Cross of Jesus.***

**SUMMARY OF SERMON:** One of the faces of sin that our text brings out is that of guilt. The psalm actually begins and ends with joy, which is the fruit of God's forgiveness of the guilt of our sin. But David recalls, vv.3-4, how much in agony he was until he, v.5, confessed his sin and received forgiveness. Then he calls others to likewise confess to God and receive forgiveness. This psalm gives advance notice of the fullness of joy believers in Christ have when they receive forgiveness at the cross.

**RELATED BIBLE PASSAGES FOR THE COMING WEEK** [The Bible readings this week are about the face of guilt and grace of God's forgiveness through Christ.]

*Monday, Mar. 7 – **Isaiah 53*** [This amazing chapter foresaw hundreds of years before Christ what would be accomplished by Messiah in His atoning death. Of particular note is v.10, where we see that the Lord made His life a guilt offering.]

*Tuesday, Mar. 8 - **Mark 3:20-30*** [This passage, especially v.29, is troubling to some Christians. It need not be. We are all guilty of sin and are forgiven when we respond to the Holy Spirit's conviction of sin (see John 16:8) and confess our sins to Jesus. Blaspheming against the Holy Spirit is ignoring His convicting voice and even accusing the Holy Spirit of being evil. Such resistance leaves a person in an eternal state of guilt.]

*Wednesday, Mar. 9 – **Genesis 44*** [For many years after Joseph's brothers had sinned against him (and God) by selling him into slavery they had successfully hidden their guilt. But God uses Joseph to skillfully expose their guilt. Joseph is a 'type' of Christ and in Genesis 50:15-21 the brothers confess their sin and Joseph assures them of his forgiveness.]

*Thursday, Mar. 10 – **Hebrews 10:1-22*** [The OT sacrifices for sin were imperfect. Christ's sacrifice for sin on the cross is the perfect sacrifice before God once for all. The OT sacrifices did not fully relieve from guilt (v.2) but Christ's sacrifice does (v.22).]

*Friday, Mar. 11 - **Isaiah 6:1-7*** [Isaiah was a godly man but in the presence of holy God he felt terrified because of his guilt. But the angel took a coal from the altar (the holy place of sacrifice) and touched Isaiah. His guilt, v.7, was atoned for; again, a foreshadowing of Christ's atoning death to cleanse us from our guilt.]

*Saturday, Mar. 12 – **James 2:1-13*** [In this passage James reminds us that if we break even one small aspect of God's law it is equivalent to breaking all of it. How thankful we can be that our forgiveness is not based on our goodness but on Christ's perfect sacrifice, God's grace to us.]



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