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*Sermon Questions*

*September 17, 2023*

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1. Do you know and feel your sins are forgiven, or is there still a lingering guilt that hangs over you?
2. Do you find there is joy in forgiveness? Is it more a sense of relief? What emotion wells up within you when you think of being forgiven?
3. There were three words for sin – sin, transgression, and iniquity. Which one speaks loudest to you about the severity of sin? Which of the responses – forgiveness, covering, and imputing on Christ, are you most appreciative of? Can you pick just one?
4. Spend some time comparing Psalm 1, 32 and 51. All Psalms about forgiveness and living the blessed life. What are the similarities, what are the differences? Which one do you need on your fridge to remind you?
5. “Every tear sparkles like a diamond in the sunshine of pardon, and he who begins with the lowly cry for forgiveness will end with lofty songs of joy and be made, by God’s guidance and Spirit, righteous and upright in heart.” - Expositors commentary. Take some time to reflect on this quote in relation to Psalm 31...have you experienced the same transformation after repentance. Without having to share the sin, would you be willing to share about the joy that came from the Lord after repentance?
6. What would it look like for you, and for our church, to live out in the joy of forgiveness. Are there things which would need to change in your life, or the life of the church to better express that joy to our family?