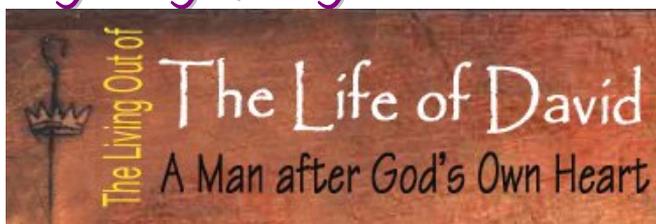




# 2 Sam 12:13; Ps 51

*New Beginning of Forgiveness* Sun, Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 06



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## **New Beginnings – I love them**

- Love births, weddings – exciting new
- Love New Years....starts tomorrow
  - Freshness, excitement, wonder
- **Yet all these pale with new beginnings we get w/God**
- It is such a new beginning we come to w/ David
  - Continuing our study in David's life

## **Background – been a really bad year for David**

- Don't know how last year was for you...
- David's year was awful - sinned – hugely
- **Committed adultery – w/another man's wife**
  - Tried to pretend didn't happen
  - Tried to cover it up w/Uriah
  - Kills Uriah to cover his sin...arranges
- **Spends a year in this distance from God**
  - Miserable year – felt dried up (Ps 32)
- **God sent Nathan to David to confront him**
  - Did so powerfully – you are the man
  - Where we left off last time....



# I. David's Confession

## 1. Note David's response in v.13

a. So powerful, so simple...wonderful

## 2. Nathan has the privilege to announce forgiveness

a. Notice the word – put away – has idea of transition, transformation – a new start

## 3. Two simple sentences – but pregnant, powerful

a. So much behind them, under the surface

b. Thankfully, God has allowed us to see deeper

c. Perhaps it was the same day – David sat down and wrote Psalm 51 – turn there

## 4. Psalm 51 –one of best passages in Bible on forgiveness

a. It is so rich in understanding and help with this

b. This morning – want to cover whole Psalm w/you

i) Struggle – so much could say – scratch surface

c. Hope to give you a friend in seeking forgiveness

d. Because going to try to say much today, going to use PowerPoint and give you an outline

e. That way you can stay with – if mind wanders, you can easily plot your way back

## 5. Psalm 51 – is for you – applies to you

a. Some read and think – I didn't sin like David, so the things in this psalm don't fit me – not true

b. What is recorded in psalm is true of all sin, yours

c. All sin alienates from God – needs to be forgiven

i) Not all sin is the same – consequences – more later

## II. Basis of Forgiveness

1. **Note with me – basis his request is God**– absolutely key
2. **God is merciful – lovingkindness – tender mercies**
  - a. God has revealed – this is who He is
  - b. **Ex 34:5-7** – Not mercy, yet holy 📖
3. **If you have a wrong view of God – lose right basis**
  - a. **Some see God as so loving – won't hold guilty**
    - i) Cosmic grandfather ignoring sin.
    - ii) God cannot ignore sin, guilt remains–He is holy
  - b. **Some see God as so holy– lose sight of His mercy**
    - i) Just see God as mad at them – don't understand that He delights to forgive, wants to
    - ii) No burden or bummer to Him – is His heart

## III. Confession for Forgiveness

1. **Confession is required for forgiveness – 1 Jn 1:9**
  - a. What is confession? Homolego – say same thing
  - b. To confess sin – is to say what God says about it
  - c. Note with me, what and how David confesses
2. **Confession is an Acknowledges sin**
  - a. Might seem small...but isn't. For a year, didn't
  - b. For many – is how they deal with it, ignore it
3. **Confession admits Responsibility**
  - a. Three types of sin –w/varying responsibility
  - b. Transgression–rebellion, intentionally crossing line
  - c. Iniquity – perverse, delight in, pull of, playing with
  - d. Sin – missing the mark. Tried to do good, did bad
  - e. We are guilty of all three... need to see & admit it

#### **4. Confession admits sin is against God**

- a. It is this point – that I found most enlightening
- b. **Some accuse David of being light w/sin here**
  - i) What about sin against Bathsheba, Uriah, Nation
  - ii) I put before you – he is absolutely right
- c. **Almost 1300 references in the Bible to sin– wow**
  - i) Almost all show sin is against God - Few talk about it “with” others, translate in relation too
  - ii) See in offerings – sin offering, trespass offering
  - iii) It hurts others – but it is against God
- d. **David is not light with sin here...heavy - right**
  - i) Most don't go this far – see against God- **examples**
- e. **All sin is really against God...it is before Him**

#### **5. Confession admits Guilt w/o excuse**

- a. Notice has no “but” to it – justification, reason
  - i) Sadly – most confessions today are this
- b. **Real confession – sees guilt – God right to judge**
  - i) God would be right, fair to send me to hell over

#### **6. Add– confession cannot be flippanant**

- a. To see this rightly – is to feel it deeply

#### **7. More – confession is not always rehearsal of details**

- a. Why? - The Lord knows – dealing with heart of it
- b. Recounting details – not always helpful – flesh likes
- c. Before and with people – needed....but not God

#### **8. David confessed...and was forgiven 1Jn 1:9 Ps 32:1,5**

## IV. Wonder of Forgiveness

### **1. Real Forgiveness makes us clean**

- a. Restores our fellowship and access to God

### **2. Real Forgiveness washes us**

- a. Washes the filth of the sin from us – picture it
- b. Christian bar of soap

### **3. Real forgiveness blots out our sin**

- a. Legal term – removes it from the record – paid
- b. No longer holding against you
- c. Not just out on bail – but free

### **4. David longs for more – create a clean heart**

- a. He notes real problem is who he is – sinner v.5
- b. This is not an excuse – knows God wants truth v.6
- c. Cries out for a radical change in who he is
- d. Technical note – he didn't get it in this life
- e. Create – speaks of creation – new creation
- f. What he longed for – we have in Christ
- g. Much we could say – our nature is new
- h. Still have the flesh – no good thing...but we are new
- i. Sin was natural for David, righteousness for us

## V. Restoration of Forgiveness

1. Restores relationship with God
2. Restores service to and with God
3. Restores Joy
4. Restores power to live
5. Forgiveness does not enable sin, but rescues from
- 6. Consider the wonder of God's forgiveness – accept it**

# VI. Fruit of Forgiveness

## **1. Become a voice of forgiveness**

- a. Seeing our blessing – we pass it on, passion for gospel message
- b. Practical daily benefit to this
- c. Also...a test. In Lord's prayer – forgive us as we forgive others. If we are not forgiving...something wrong with our own forgiveness

## **2. Become a real worshipper**

- a. Real forgiveness produces real, heart, worship
- b. That focuses truly on the Lord – His righteousness

## **3. Become a broken Christian**

- a. In a sense, would give God any offering for this
- b. But what God wants – is not a sacrifice – us
- c. Broken & contrite speak of humble, meek
- d. A broken horse, no longer rebellious

## **4. Become a prayer warrior for right**

- a. What led to sin – is David seeking pleasure
- b. Now, longs for God's pleasure
- c. Blesses Jerusalem – opposite of what sin did

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## Conclusion

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How will you go into this new year

Maybe you need to be re-created – new heart

- Born again. That is what Jesus did for us
- Allow to be changed

Maybe His – but need to be refreshed – clean again

- Go into this new year clear
- Go into this new year to be the one God has you to be.