

“Forgiven to Obey”

John 8:1-11

From the very beginning, Satan has been trying to discredit God’s honor & integrity

The Question

Their charge was correct, their verdict was correct, but their _____ was wrong (v. 6).

The Answer

Jesus knew their sinful hearts & actions.

Hebrews 4:13

The Verdict

The woman was guilty, but her accusers had left.

Deuteronomy 19:15

The Command

“Go and _____”

The Dilemma

Did Jesus leave her “off the hook”?

The Solution

No one’s sin goes unpunished. **Romans 1:18**

Who will pay? All will pay. How?

⊕ Either in their own _____ **Revelation 20:15**

⊕ Or in the _____ of Christ. **Galatians 2:20**

Jesus can forgive the woman before He dies because He will pay for her sin when He dies.

1 Peter 1:1-2

- In the cross of Christ, the _____ and _____ of God meet.
- God _____ sin in Christ so that He can _____ sin in Christ.

The Effect of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1

Romans 6:12-14

Being forgiven releases us from sin’s control.

The Walk of Forgiveness

Being forgiven gives us the Spirit empowered ability to forgive.

Acts 7:59-60

All who have received the forgiveness of Christ must give the forgiveness of Christ to others

Ephesians 4:32

Colossians 3:13

Refusing to do so insults God's grace and makes us vulnerable to Satan's attacks.

2 Corinthians 2:10-11

What does forgiving look like?

- ❖ Have I actually been sinned against?
- ❖ Remember that you have been forgiven of so much more.
- ❖ Recall Heb 8:12, "For I will be merciful to their iniquities, And I will remember their sins no more"
- ❖ Remember that forgiveness is undeserved, an act of God's mercy in and through us.
- ❖ Understand that forgiveness is deciding to act toward the other person as God now acts toward you.
- ❖ Ask God to wash your feelings of anger, hurt, disappointment, etc. if necessary.
- ❖ Thank God for forgiving you as you forgive another.

God's forgiveness is the most costly work of grace and the most freeing work of grace.