It is Finished – Eph.1:7

*In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace*

**Focal Truth: God graciously forgives sin through the death of Jesus Christ**

Have you experienced the forgiveness of sins?

Did you know that Jesus Christ death provides complete forgiveness of sin?

Do you know how God forgives sin?

**Observations**

1. **God gracious forgives the debt of sin by the blood of Jesus Christ – 1:7**

All sinners have a debt to pay God for their sinfulness!

1. Redemption is a payment for the debt of sin
2. When the law of God is disobeyed there is a debt to God for disobedience
3. Col. 2:14 – having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us, and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross
4. Matt. 18:27 – a man owed a king a large debt he could not pay but the lord of the slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt

***This is the graciousness of forgiveness Jesus Christ pays the sin debt by His death!***

1. **God graciously forgives the stain of sin by the blood of Jesus Christ 1:7**

All sinners have the stain of sin on their lives

Their minds are stained with the memory of their sins

Their reputation is stained with the actions of their sins

Their conscience is stained with guilt for their sins

**Oh, the deep stain of sin that no person can remove by their actions & deeds!**

1. Ps. 51:1 – be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness, according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions
2. Ps 51:9 – Hide your face from my sins, and blot our all my iniquities
3. Isa. 43:25 – I, even I am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins
4. 2 Pet. 3:14 – that you be found in him in peace, spotless and blameless
5. James 1:27 – keep oneself unstained by the world
6. Ps 51:7 – purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean, wash me and I shall be whiter than snow
7. 1 John 1:7 – if we walk in the Light as He is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin

**This is the graciousness of forgiveness Jesus Christ blood cleanses the stain of sin**

1. **God graciously removes the guilt of sin by the blood of Jesus Christ 1:7**

All sinners live in the guilt of their sins

They regret their sinful actions

They relive their sinful actions

They hide their past sinful action

They deny their sinful actions

1. James 2:10 – whoever keeps the whole law and stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all
2. Ps 32:3 – when I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away, through my groaning all day long
3. Ps. 32:5 – I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide… and you forgave the guilt of my sin
4. Ps 51:3 – my sin is constantly before me
5. Jer. 45:3 I am weary with my groaning and have found no rest

**This is the graciousness of forgiveness Jesus Christ blood removes the guilt of sin**

**Things to Remember**

1. The cross of Jesus Christ promises forgiveness for sinners
2. God’s forgiveness is full and free
3. Oh, the joy of God’s forgiveness! The debt, the stain & guilt of sin is gone!
4. How blessed is the forgiven sinner!

**Daily Use**

1. God forgives as you come in faith to Jesus Christ
2. Love God greatly He has forgiven your sins graciously
3. Today live in the joy of free, full forgiveness through the death of Jesus Christ

***In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace***

The old hymn reads, my sin oh the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin not in part but the whole is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more praise the Lord, praise the Lord oh my soul!