**Forgiveness Series November 26, 2023**

**The Need for a Savior– Matthew 1:21**

Forgivesness Occurs in Two ways

1 Forgiveness from God

2 Forgiving one another

Forgiveness does not equal reconciliation

Forgiveness is from God

Forgiveness is for each eacher

Sin is the problem

The Savior is the solution

Forgivness is the means

Matthew 1:21   
She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

Ephesians 1:7   
In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

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* The act of freeing from an obligation, guilt, or punishment, pardon, cancellation (BDAG Lexicon)
* To cancel a debt (Merkle)
* A release from sins as if they had never been committed, taking away the penalty (Wuest)

Psalm 51:1-16 (NASB)

1 Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me. 4 Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge. 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. 6 Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom. 7 Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which You have broken rejoice. 9 Hide Your face from my sins And blot out all my iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit. 13 *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners will be converted to You. 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation; *Then* my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness. 15 O Lord, open my lips, That my mouth may declare Your praise. 16 For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering.

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