

Forgiveness Matters

1. **You can be forgiven** – Forgiveness lives in us. We put it into practice...
So it will change our lives.
 - a. **Issues of life revealed in the scriptures.**
 - ii. **Ephesians 3:1-5** – pay attention to verses 4 + 5.
 - b. **Understand how God for Christ' sake forgave you.**
 - ii. **Ephesians 4:31-32**
 - iii. **Law Contrast**: Compare – **Matthew 6:14-15** with **Ephesians 4:32**
See difference between under the Law and under Grace.
(also there is a different word for forgiveness)
 - c. **Understanding forgiveness should make you very happy!**
 - ii. See **Romans 4:6-8** and **Psalms 32** – Words “Blessed” (Happy)
 - iii. Forgiveness means to send away... Leaving.
~ Look at: **Matthew 4:19-22** (Left – same word in Greek)
~ **Matthew 13:36** – sent away = forgiveness
 - d. **God took our sins and sent them away to Calvary... Romans 4:8**
*Examples of God's forgiveness towards Israel (one day in the future)
 - ii. See: **Psalms 103:12** – God removed sin
 - iii. **Isaiah 38:17** – God cast them away
 - iiii. **Micah 7:18-19** – God will cast all sins into the depths of the seas.
 - v. **Isaiah 43:25** – He will not remember our sins