

happiness is...



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TITLE: Happiness Is Agreeing with God

“Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ² Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. ³ When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. ⁴ For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah. ⁵ I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah. ⁶ For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him. ⁷ Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah. ⁸ I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.” (Psalm 32:1-8)

INTRODUCTION

“Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Acts 20:21)

“For godly sorrow worketh repentance; to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.” (2 Corinthians 7:10)

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

Quote: “Repentance is a discovery of the evil of sin, a mourning that we have committed it, a resolution to forsake it. It is, in fact, a change of mind of a very deep and practical character, which makes the man love what once he hated, and hate what once he loved.”—C. H. Spurgeon

1. The _____ of Salvation

A. We Are _____

TRANSGRESSION IS FORGIVEN

“Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;” (Romans 3:25)

“Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah. ³ Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.” (Psalm 85:2–3)

“As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.” (Psalm 103:12)

B. We Are _____

CHARGES ARE REMOVED

“For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. ³ For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

⁴ Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. ⁵ But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.” (Romans 4:2–5)

Quote: “Our justification by faith in Christ satisfies the demands of God’s holiness by exchanging our sins for Christ’s righteousness.”—**Randy Alcorn**

“Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. ¹⁰ For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.” (Romans 5:9–10)

CONFESSION IS SINCERE

“Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.” (Psalm 32:2)

2. The _____ of Sin

A. _____

“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”¹⁴ Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.” (Proverbs 28:13-14)

Quote: “Since lasting happiness can’t be found apart from God, sin will never be a source of happiness.”—**Randy Alcorn**

B. _____

“There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin. ⁴ For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.” (Psalm 38:3-4)

3. The _____ of Repentance

A. _____

Quote: “Though the fall be the cause of all our misery, yet [recognizing] it is the first step to all our happiness. Sin must be dealt with directly through awareness, confession, and repentance. Only in forgiveness can we have relational oneness with God and, hence, enduring happiness.”—**Stephen Charnock**

“Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. ⁷ Purge 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; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. ⁹ Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:6-10)

B. _____

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8-9)

C. _____

HE HAS FORGIVEN ALL SIN

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: ² By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” (Romans 5:1-2)

HE CONTINUES TO FORGIVE

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” (1 John 1:7)

Quote: “So for the believer, we are positioned as righteous in Christ Jesus (justification), but we still sin daily and need to purify ourselves through confession and repentance of sin—the way of fellowship and growth. This is sanctification.”

CONCLUSION _____

