

# **A Message from David**

Text: Psalm 32

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**INTRODUCTION** – As we examine this Psalm, we will focus on three key points

1. The joy of forgiveness (v. 1-2)
2. The pain of discipline (v. 3-5)
3. The counsel from experience (v. 6-11)

## **I. THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS (v. 1-2)**

- A. Verse 1 – Blessed, how happy! How happy is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!
- B. Verse 2 – Blessed, how happy is the man (used generally, referring to anyone, male or female) to whom the Lord (Jehovah, the self-existent, eternal one) does not impute (does not reckon, account, or consider) iniquity.
- C. Three factors determine a person's level of joy over God's forgiveness.
  - 1) One's understanding of sin. Three words are used to refer to sin.
    - a) Transgression = willful rebellion
    - b) Sin = offense, a breach of God's moral law, wrongdoing
    - c) Iniquity = moral evil, perversity, guilt
  - 2) One's understanding of forgiveness. There are three words used in this text that relate to forgiveness.
    - a) Forgiven (v. 1) – to lift, to carry away, to take away
    - b) Cover (v. 1) – to conceal, hide (*Heb. 8:12 | Ps. 103:12*)
    - c) Imputeth not – God does not charge or consider one guilty
  - 3) One's confidence in God and His Word (v. 5)
    - a) One can be confident when they have met God's requirements for forgiveness
    - b) One can be confident when accepting God's word and promise of forgiveness through faith. One's confidence comes from knowing that:
      - i) God is faithful to forgive
      - ii) God is just to forgive (*1 John 2:1-2*)