

- a) Ultimately
 - i) Stated as a request—Psalm 25:11; 79:9; Daniel 9:19
 - ii) Stated as completed action
 - (1) Awe/fear of God—Psalm 130:3-4
 - (2) God's glory—Isaiah 43:25; 1st John 2:12
- 2) The **results** of forgiveness
 - a) At salvation
 - i) Justification—Acts 13:38; Romans 3:24; 4:5; 5:1; 1st Corinthians 6:11
 - ii) Redemption—Romans 3:24; 1st Corinthians 1:30; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14
 - iii) Reconciliation—Romans 5:10-11; 2nd Corinthians 5:18-20; Colossians 1:20-21
 - iv) Made heirs/Adoption—Acts 26:18; Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:5; Ephesians 1:5
 - b) In sanctification
 - i) Forgiveness and cleansing—1st John 1:9

The God who does NOT forgive

- 1) Stated: Joshua 24:19; 2nd Kings 24:4; Isaiah 22:14; Jeremiah 14:10
- 2) Requested: Nehemiah 4:5; Isaiah 2:9; Jeremiah 18:23
- 3) Ramifications
 - a) Should we ask God not to forgive certain people today?
 - b) Does God forgive everyone?
- 4) Exception—the unpardonable sin
 - a) Referred to in: Matthew 12:31-32; Mark 3:28-30; Luke 12:10
 - b) Seems to be the sin of the Jewish leaders in their rejection of the Messiah

Why God's forgiveness is the standard by which our forgiveness must be measured?

- 1) Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13

Is it right for God to forgive people who are undeniably guilty?

- 1) Romans 3:25-26

Did Old Testament sacrifices result in true forgiveness?

- 1) Yes: Leviticus 4:26, 31, 35; Psalm 32:1-2; 51:9; 103:12; Isaiah 38:17; Micah 7:19
- 2) No: Hebrews 10:4, 11

Part 2—The ones who are forgiven by God

VERTICAL forgiveness

- 1) We need to be forgiven by God
 - a) At **salvation**
 - i) What takes place when God forgives sinners?
 - (1) See above
 - ii) Can one be sure God has forgiven them?
 - (1) Ultimately this is the work of the Holy Spirit—Romans 8:16