

Forgiveness Simplified

Text: 1 John 1:9 (NIV)

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Introduction

Forgiveness through Jesus Christ is not based on our works or our promises, but upon His works and His promises. Because of the cross, we need only turn to an all-sufficient savior and humbly ask for forgiveness for our sin to find the freedom and joy of forgiveness.

I. The Essence of Confession

A. Confession is an act of coming to terms with our failures.

B. Confession is an admission of who we truly are.

II. The Essence of Forgiveness

A. God's forgiveness is based on His faithfulness.

B. God's forgiveness is based on His Righteousness.

C. God's forgiveness is based on His Holiness.

Conclusion

Ps 103:12 "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."

God said He has removed our sins as far as the east is from the west. Why not as far as the north is from the south? Because you can only travel north for a limited distance. Once you hit a certain point, you will be going south again. But it doesn't matter how far east or west you travel, you will still be travelling east or west.

— See more at: <http://hotsermons.com/sermon-illustrations/sermon-illustrations-forgiveness.html#sthash.5ChnB6lM.dpuf>