

IMPORTANT THINGS
TO KNOW
ABOUT GOD



sermon notes

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God Forgives You

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**For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have eternal life.**

John 3:16 (NIV)

God's love is unconditional, sacrificial, valuable, personal, accessible, delivering and forever . . .

Why?

Because God wants to _____ you!

Two forgiveness related issues we have to face:

_____ and _____

SIN: Anything that _____ our relationship with God.

REPENT: To _____ one's _____.

Not just change your opinion,
but to make a decision that changes you to the core.

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. ² He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. ³ Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

⁴ *When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."*

⁵ *"Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again."* ⁶ *And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear!* ⁷ *A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.*

⁸ When Simon Peter realized what had happened; he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m too much of a sinner to be around you.” ⁹ For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. ¹⁰ His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.

Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!” ¹¹ And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus. Luke 5:1-11 (NLT)

4 STEPS TO REPENTANCE:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Profess-or to Possess-or to Convert!

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. ¹⁴ He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. Col 2:13-14 (NLT)

Psalm 51 (NLT)

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight.

You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. For I was born a sinner— yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there.

Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me— now let me rejoice. Don’t keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don’t take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. Then I will teach your ways to rebels, and they will return to you. Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness. Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you.

Amen.