

## “THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS” (Psalm 32)

*\*Do we know the historical context of this psalm? Any possibilities?*

### **A. The Proclamations regarding the practically forgiven (vv. 1-2)**

1. The believer who is \_\_\_\_\_ forgiven and presently \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s righteousness is ‘happy’ or \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 1).
2. The believer who does not have sin inside their \_\_\_\_\_ bank account nor \_\_\_\_\_ in their heart shares in the same \_\_\_\_\_ or blessing (vs. 2).

*\*Could the same be said of our positional forgiveness before the Lord?*

### **B. The Problems regarding the willfully impenitent (vv. 3-4)**

1. Refusing to confess \_\_\_\_\_ sin can result in \_\_\_\_\_ and spiritual anguish (vv. 3-4).

*\*Principle to Ponder #1: Our \_\_\_\_\_ health can have a direct impact on our \_\_\_\_\_ health.*

2. The Lord loves His children too much to \_\_\_\_\_ them and withhold \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 4).

*\*Principle to Ponder #2: \_\_\_\_\_ is no long-term solution for carnality...only genuine \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ can restore our \_\_\_\_\_ and vitality.*

### **C. The Provision for the newly repentant (vv. 5-7)**

1. Parental forgiveness is granted unconditionally to the believer who...

- a. ... \_\_\_\_\_ rather than hides their sin (vs. 5).
- b. ... \_\_\_\_\_ or views sin honestly before the Lord (vs. 5).

*\*Principle to Ponder #3: Forgiveness is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ when believers acknowledge their sin to the Lord.*

2. The Lord's presence can then be recognized and enjoyed...
  - a. ...when a believer turns to the Lord by \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer (vs. 6).
  - b. ...in the midst of great \_\_\_\_\_ or opposition (vv. 6-7).
  - c. ...through meditation upon His \_\_\_\_\_ or word via song (vs. 7).

#### **D. The Promise concerning God's grace and guidance (vv. 8-10a)**

1. Positively, believers in Christ can choose to allow the Lord to direct their \_\_\_\_\_, resulting in spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and blessing (vs. 8).
2. Negatively, believers can run ahead of the Lord like a wild \_\_\_\_\_ or drag their feet like a stubborn \_\_\_\_\_, resulting in sorrow and a \_\_\_\_\_ life (vs. 9-10a).

*\*Can you relate operating similar to a horse or mule?*

#### **E. The Prescription for the forgiven believer (vv. 10b-11)**

1. Dependence or \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord will yield His abundant \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives (10b).
2. The concluding threefold charge for the believer in Christ is to be \_\_\_\_\_, joyfully \_\_\_\_\_ and loudly \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord (vs. 11).

*\*Principle to Ponder #4: Knowing and relying upon truths about the believer's \_\_\_\_\_ and the Lord's character should \_\_\_\_\_ us to be glad and rejoice.*

*\*What can we learn from all this today?*