

Set Apart in Forgiveness (H.E.Y.)

Scripture Text: Acts 13:38

Set apart is defined as “to separate something and keep it for a special purpose. “

Forgiveness is defined as “to stop feeling angry or resentful for an offense; cancel a debt.”

1. What is Forgiveness? (8 appearances in Scripture.) Concordance

- A. Psalm 130:4 there is ... with thee
- B. Daniel 9:9 belong mercies and ...
- C. Mark 3:29 hath never ...
- D. Acts 5:31 ... of sins
- E. Acts 13:38 preached unto you the ...
- F. Acts 26:18 may receive the ... of sins
- G. Eph. 1:7 the ... of sins
- H. Col. 1:14 even the ... of sins

2. How Do I Forgive? (from the Master Teacher)

- A. Teachings
 - 1. Matt. 6:14-15 if ye forgive
 - 2. Matt. 18:21-22 seven times seven
 - 3. Mark 11:25 ought against any
- B. Application
 - 1. Luke 22:63 slapped and mocked
 - 2. Luke 23:34 forgive them

3. Examples of Forgiveness in Paul's Life

- A. In Action – Acts 14
 - 1. 1st Journey, preaching in Lystra – 14:8, 15-19
 - 2. Took him outside the city walls and stoned him – 14:19
 - 3. Forgiveness in action: he returned to the same city – 14:20, 16:1
 - 4. Actions speak louder than words.

B. In a Sermon – Acts 24

1. Journey to Rome, Paul stands before Felix – 24:10
2. 3-point sermon: 24:25
 - a. Righteousness – God’s forgiveness
 - b. Temperance – self-control
 - c. Judgment to come – preparedness
3. Every sermon we preach today should fit this template.
4. What good does it do to preach if you don’t emphasize God’s forgiveness?

C. In an Example – Acts 26

1. Paul preaching to (King) Herod Agrippa, II – 26:1
2. The interjection – 26:28 “almost!”
3. The example: 26:29
4. How? Because of God’s forgiveness, the ‘chief of all sinners’ (1 Tim. 1:15) could be forgiven – and you could you (Agrippa)!

Let’s end this sermon the way Paul wanted to end his sermon to both Felix & Agrippa – by extending the invitation of God’s forgiveness!

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