



Gospel of Mark

The Power of Forgiveness

Mark 2:1-17

I. The Greatest Need Of Man – FORGIVENESS

A. Psalm 32:1-4

B. Forgiven: To _____; to bid going away or depart. The key idea is _____, _____.
Psalms 103:12; Isaiah 1:18; Leviticus 16:20-22

II. A Lesson On Forgiveness: Mark 2:1-17

A. The Gospel is a _____ of Forgiveness:

1. "...And He preached the word to them..." Verse 2
2. II Corinthians 5:19-21

B. Forgiveness is a _____ of _____:

1. "When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, **Son, your sins are forgiven you.**" Verse 5
2. Saving faith is a _____ from God, not a _____! Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 12:3

C. Forgiveness is the _____ of God:

1. "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins **but God alone**?" Verse 7
2. Note on the relationship of sin and sickness:
 - a. It is true that sin that is not forgiven in a person's life can lead to all sorts of problems, maladies, and even physical illness. **Yet all sickness is _____ the result of "_____ " in a persons life.**
 - b. Can sickness be related to sin – Yes! Is it always related to sin, or something the individual has done them self? _____! John 9:1-3a; Luke 13:4-5

3. Jesus' power over sin:
 - a. Jesus proclaimed His power over sin, by exercising his authority over sickness!
 - b. The greatest work toward man is _____!
All other benefits and blessings from this!
Luke 10:17-20

D. The Message of Forgiveness is to be proclaimed to _____!

1. Jesus ate with "Tax Collectors"
2. Religious people never willingly and joyfully _____ sinners. Verse 16
3. Jesus emphatically proclaims:
 - a. **"...Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but _____ to repentance."** Verse 17
 - b. "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. **For the Son of Man has come to save that which was _____.**" Matthew 18:10-11

III. Following Jesus' Example:

- A. It is imperative that we **Remember our _____**!
 1. I Corinthians 6:9-11: "...**Some of you were once like that...**"
 2. I Corinthians 1:2
- B. It is imperative that we **Remember our _____**!
 1. I Corinthians 5:9-11
 2. II Corinthians 5:17-21
 3. John 20:21-23: "...**Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.**"