

Morning Lesson

HOW MUCH IS ON MY ACCOUNT?

Psalm 32:1, 2

INTRO:

1. How does the Lord forgive sins? **1 John 1:9**
2. How does the Lord forget sins? **Jer. 31:34**
3. How can I forgive and forget? **Matt. 6:14, 15**

I. THE DEBT IS PAID.

- A. Illus: "...Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe..."
- B. God forgives sins through the blood of Christ.

II. GOD DID NOT FORGET THE FACTS OF SIN.

- A. God did not forget the facts of the sins.
- B. He no longer charges those sins against their accounts.

III. DO I STILL HAVE A RECORD BOOK IN MY MEMORY?

- A. Do we still have a record book of the facts of hurts others inflicted upon us or sins they committed?
- B. When we forgive, do we mark paid on that page?
- C. Be sure not to send another bill after the account has been settled.

IV. WHY NOT START THE NEW YEAR WITH ALL ACCOUNTS MARKED "PAID?"

- A. This is a perfect time to clear away the old debts.
- B. You may even have some that you think have not been paid because the person has yet to ask for forgiveness.
- C. Jesus died to pay the debt for all sin. **Luke 23:34**
- D. Even businesses, from time to time, write off the uncollected debts.

CONC:

1. As I learn to mark the debts "paid" I will be happier, and the church will be stronger.
2. Do I have to forget the facts of the sin? No.
3. My job is to not send any more bills.
4. That is forgiveness.
5. God offers forgiveness to each person here.
6. The plan of salvation is made possible by the death and resurrection of Christ.