

Review from Sunday's Message: Psalm 51.

1. David: *"I have sinned against the Lord."*
Nathan: *"The Lord has put away your sin."*
God forgives David on the basis of Jesus' sacrifice of Himself on the cross as an acceptable payment for sin. God looks upon David's faith in God's mercy and the coming of a promised Deliverer and unites him to Jesus who made an end of sin at the cross.

2. David's confession found in ***Psalms 51***:
 - a. David pleads for mercy.
 - b. David prays for cleansing.
 - c. David is passionate about change.
 - d. David is purposeful about worship and witness.

3. There is a godly sorrow that drives people to God which results in salvation that leaves no regrets and brings joy and happiness.
There is a sorrow for wrongs committed that is absent of God which results in a life full of attempts at sin management and ultimate despair.

Repentance is grace. Call upon God when He is near and repentance is available.

Questions for Meditation and Application:

1. How is Jesus being both a complete payment for sin and a High Priest through whom we draw near to God a blessing to both sinners and saints (saints who continue to sin)?

2. When dealing with sin in our own life, or graciously confronting sin in the life of a Christian family member, do we more regularly go after the symptom or the disease?

3. Is ***sorrowful yet always rejoicing*** characteristic of your life? Of the church? (Sorrowful over sin and the slowness of our change; rejoicing in the gospel and the goodness of Jesus.)