

## Sunday, 1 October 2023

### God Forgives

When you ask God to forgive you, do you ever wonder if God really forgave you? How can you be sure that God really does forgive you? We will answer these questions in the sermon today, God Forgives. 1 John 1:7-2:2

1 1 John 1:7 - The blood of Jesus cleanses all sin

1.1 The blood of Jesus – Hebrews 9:12

1.2 God desires to forgive all your sins – Psalm 103:2-3

2 1 John 1:8, 10 - We must acknowledge our sin

2.1 Do not hide your sin - Proverbs 28:13

3 1 John 1:9 – We must confess our sin

3.1 Then God is faithful and just to forgive

4 1 John 2:1 – Jesus represents you before God

4.1 That you sin not

4.2 Jesus is your defense attorney

5 1 John 2:2 - God is satisfied with the sacrifice of Jesus

5.1 Jesus' suffering on the cross for your sins satisfies God's justice and anger. Isaiah 53:11

Conclusion: God forgives all your sins when you acknowledge and confess your sins. You can be confident God forgives you because the sacrifice of the blood of Jesus has satisfied God's justice and anger for sin. You can be confident God forgives you because Jesus defends you before the Father.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. How much sin does the blood of Jesus cleanse us from?
2. According to 1 John 2:1, what does Jesus do for you when you confess your sin?
3. How does Isaiah 53:11 assure us that God forgives our sins?