

The Power Of Forgiveness

Scripture: Acts 13:38-39

Introduction

Forgiveness is the means by which we are restored to fellowship with God. Rather than bring us to the punishment we deserve, God chooses to forgive us so that we might be justified before Him, and the consequences of our sins be removed.

I. Forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you

Acts 13:38 NIV Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

- A. Forgiveness means the removal of guilt
- B. Forgiveness means the removal of condemnation

Romans 8:1 NIV Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

- C. Forgiveness means the restoration of fellowship

II. Everyone who believes is justified

Acts 13:39 NIV Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.

- A. Justified means we are declared to be righteous
- B. Justified means God views us with favor
- C. Justified means access to God

III. These are obtained "through Him"

John 15:16b KJV ...whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

- A. Jesus Christ is our means of access to God
- B. We can only approach God through Jesus
- C. We must come to God "in the name of Jesus"

Conclusion

The chorus of the song "Old Buddha", by the Imperials says:

Oh, it won't be old Buddha that's sittin' on the throne

And it won't be Hare Krishna that's callin' us home

And it won't be old Mohammed that plays that trumpet tune

Cause we're going to see the Son, not Reverend Moon