



HICKORY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

The Forgiveness of Sins

The Pastors' Class | Wednesday, April 1, 2020

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.”

Romans 3:23-25a

Theme: The power of forgiveness is measured by the weight of sin.

1. Feel the **weight of your sin (3:23).**

- You **have no defense**: *Guilty* (23a).
- You **have no excuse**: *Depraved* (23b).
- You **have no escape**: *Condemned* (23c).

2. Feel the **power of Christ's forgiveness (3:24-25a).**

- You **need no defense**: *Justified* (24a).
- You **need no excuse**: *Redeemed* (24b).
- You **need no escape**: *Propitiation* (25a).

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
Whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen.*