

## Finding Gladness in Christ's Forgiveness

### Psalm 30

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How did Michaelangelo carve such a beautiful statue of David out of a slab of marble? *"That was easy. I just chiseled away everything that did not look like David."*

#### How to Respond When We Find Ourselves in Sin

##### **1. Sinners Must Turn to the Lord in Prayer :: 30:1-3**

David was facing a life-threatening sickness as discipline for his sin.

Verse 2 - He cried to God for help, and God healed him.

- Psalm 3:1-4

##### **James 5:15-16**

**1 John 1:9** - *If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

##### **2. Sinners Must Hope in God for Mercy :: 30:4-5**

The primary thing that leads Christians to despair is the loss of hope.

- **Proverbs 13:12** - *Hope deferred makes the heart sick.*

##### **2 Corinthians 4:7-9, 16-18**

For most, the time of weeping is very short, but even if the consequences that bring the weeping don't wain, we can set our eyes on the ultimate, infinite morning and rejoice in God's forgiveness and knowing that an eternity of joy awaits.

### **3. Sinners Must Repent of Their Pride And Depend on God :: 30:6-7**

David saw God's blessings, and instead of giving praise to God, took credit for it himself, thinking he had become invincible.

David's experience warns us not to rest in the blessings of God but instead in God himself, who gave him those blessings.

### **4. Sinners Must Receive God's Forgiveness :: 30:8-12**

After God accepted David's prayer and healed him, David accepted God's forgiveness.

Does God's forgiveness bring you joy, praise, & thanksgiving?

Are we called to forgive ourselves? No. We are called to receive God's forgiveness for us through Christ Jesus.

- Instead of our peace and joy coming from our forgiveness of ourselves, we sing praises to the Lord and give thanks to His holy name.