

(Psalm 32:1 ESV) **Blessed** is the one whose transgression is **forgiven**, whose sin is covered.

(Romans 4:7-8 ESV) **Blessed** are those whose lawless deeds are **forgiven**, and whose sins are covered; **blessed** is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.

INTRODUCTION: What does the "Purpose Fairy" know that many Christians do not seem to understand?

- (1) Repentant sinners know the blessing of forgiveness.
 - Repentant sinners are saddened over their sins, 7:36-38.
 - Repentant sinners go to Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins, 7:36-38.
 - The blessing of forgiveness is being right with God, Psalm 32:1, Romans 4:7-8.

- (2) Religious experts know the "math" of forgiveness but do not know the blessing of forgiveness, Luke 7:39-43.
 - Religious experts can't recognize the God of their "Bible" even if he were standing right in front of them.

- (3) Repentant sinners who find the blessing of forgiveness love much, 7:44-50.

CONCLUSION: Do we know the blessing of being right with God?

Right with God ... NOW ... and in every age to come ...

