

## **#BLESSED**

### **Part 1: Blessed Are The Forgiven**

#### **BLESSINGS**

##### **A. More than a phrase, an enabling**

1. To confer prosperity or happiness upon
2. Leads to Joy and Happiness

##### **B. Blessings were part of God's first interactions with mankind**

1. Blessed Adam and Eve
2. Blessed Abraham - the first man God made a covenant promise to
3. Blessed the nation of Israel and taught them how to live blessed

##### **C. Blessed are the forgiven (*Psalm 32:1-2 NIV*)**

1. Powerful words used here - forgiven, covered, not charged to his account
2. Forgiveness offers confidence with God and peace

#### **TWO BETRAYALS AND TWO DIFFERENT RESULTS**

##### **A. Judas (*Matthew 27:3-5 NIV*)**

1. Recognized that what he had done was wrong
2. Tried to make things right - in his own power
3. Went and hanged himself

##### **B. Peter (*Luke 22:61-62 NIV*)**

1. Peter recognized what he had done was wrong
2. Peter receives God's forgiveness (*Mark 16:5-7 NIV*)

#### **LIVING BLESSED**

##### **A. Understand the forgiveness we have in Jesus**

1. Not something we earned or deserved but rather received (*1 Corinthians 6:11 NLT*)

##### **B. Receive His forgiveness**

1. From the past
2. From the present (*1 John 1:9 NIV*)

##### **C. Be willing to forgive yourself**

1. If God is willing to forgive you... that should be enough to go on
2. Don't spiritually hang yourself