

The Joy of Forgiveness

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deceit.**

Difficult fierce days coming

2 Timothy 3

Perilous Times and Perilous Men

**3 But know this, that in the last days
perilous times will come:**

Selfish People....

**7 always learning and
never able to come to the
knowledge of the truth.**

What we do in these Difficult fierce days?

2 Timothy 3

People of God

¹⁰ But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹ persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me—what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me.

2 Timothy 3

**12 Yes, and all who desire to live
godly in Christ Jesus will suffer
persecution.**

**13 But evil men and impostors will
grow worse and worse,
deceiving and being deceived.**

14 But you must continue in

2 Timothy 3

**the things which you have learned
and been assured of, knowing
from whom you have learned
*them,***

**15 and that from childhood you have
known the Holy Scriptures,
which are able to make you wise for
salvation through faith which is in
Christ Jesus.**

2 Timothy 3

**16 All Scripture *is* given by
inspiration of God, and *is*
profitable for doctrine, for reproof,
for correction, for instruction in
righteousness,**

**17 that the man of God may be
complete, thoroughly equipped for
every good**

Forgiveness

**³ If You, LORD, should mark
iniquities,**

O Lord, who could stand?

**⁴ But *there is* forgiveness
with You,**

That You may be feared.

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The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in the Prophets:

³ “The voice of one crying in the wilderness:....

‘Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.’ ”

⁴ John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

Who is forgiven?

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.

1 John 1

5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Unacceptable Repentance

Insincere & Hypocritical

Isaiah 29

¹³ Therefore the Lord said:

**“Inasmuch as these people draw near with
their mouths**

**And honor Me with their lips,
But have removed their hearts far from Me,**

Psalms 66

**If I cherished sin in my heart, the
Lord would not have listened**

Exodus 9

27 And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "I have sinned this time. The LORD *is* righteous, and my people and I *are* wicked.

1 Samuel 15

24 Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.

Hebrews 12

**Esau, who for one morsel of food
sold his birthright.**

**17 For you know that afterward,
when he wanted to inherit the
blessing, he was rejected, for he
found no place for repentance,
though he sought it diligently with
tears.**

Acceptable Repentance

Psalms 51

17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit,

**A broken and a contrite heart—
These, O God, You will not despise.**

“God sees our Heart”