

We are FBC: Forgiven Because of Christ

Key Truth:

We rejoice in our Identity since we are Forgiven Because of Christ.

In an age when personal and corporate identity seems to change with the weather, we take comfort in the fact that *who we are* is determined by Jesus Christ. For the redeemed person in Christ's Kingdom, we are FBC—Forgiven Because of Christ.

DISCUSS

Read **Colossians 1:3-14** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on being **Forgiven Because of Christ**:

Dig In

1. Forgiveness means we Dwell in Christ's Kingdom.

In Colossians 1:13-14, Paul reminds us of three truths: we are *delivered* from the domain of darkness, *transferred* into Christ's kingdom, having been *redeemed* by his blood.

What kinds of changes should naturally take place in the life of the believer who has experienced this deliverance?

In what ways does being forgiven precipitate these changes?

2. Forgiveness means we are Alive in Christ.

Read: Colossians 2:13-14

In these verses Paul states that the record of our debt of sin has been canceled and nailed to the cross.

Have you ever had a Record of Debt canceled? In what ways was your life changed by that change of status? Give examples.

3. Forgiveness means we Forgive Others.

Read: Colossians 3:12-13

Why is it so hard to forgive others? What does that say about the pain Jesus experienced to purchase your forgiveness?

Do

As you seek to apply what you learned in discussing this sermon, spend time praying to God, thanking Him for forgiveness and asking Him to enable you to exercise forgiveness in your life.