

## Reflection on Psalm 32

Father, what a  
wonderful,  
wonderful,  
wonderful gift  
is  
forgiveness!

My heart was wrong.  
My life was wrong.  
I was deeply wrong.

I tried to rationalize it.  
I tried to shift the blame onto  
my circumstances or  
the way I was raised.  
I tried to make up for my guilt by being  
extra nice.  
And I tried to simply ignore it.  
But nothing lifted the darkness.  
Nothing made me clean.  
Nothing changed  
*me.*

But when I prayed to You and  
asked You to forgive me for  
all the wrong I had  
been and  
done,  
You made me clean.  
You made me new.  
I was looking into Your face,  
the holy and righteous God,  
while You were looking straight into my eyes.  
And You were smiling!  
You LOVED me!  
I knew it!

You are still smiling.  
When I fail,  
You still forgive me,  
as gladly and completely as You did

that first time.  
But more than that,  
when I simply trust You  
    need by need,  
You deliver me,  
    not just from the guilt of sin,  
    but from the grip of sin.  
You enable me to be  
    more than I could ever be on my own.  
You work within me both  
    to want the right thing and  
    to do the right thing (Philippians 2:13).  
When I remember to  
    ask You and  
    trust You,  
You bring  
    Your rightness and  
    Your goodness  
into my heart and  
    my life.  
What a miracle!

You  
in  
me!  
    How amazing!

**Hymn: Psalm 32**

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