

John pt38 - (20:19-23)

The Authority to Remit Sins

1. John 20:19-20 – The Lord Appears Unto the Disciples

- a. “for fear of the Jews” – they were not ready to “go into the world”
- b. Jesus’ appearance and upbraiding – Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-44

2. John 20:21 – Jesus Sends His Apostles

- a. “as my Father hath sent me” – Mat 15:24; for a kingdom Mark 1:15
- b. He came to give life - John 10:10 & Mat 18:18-19
- c. “a light into the world” – John 12:46
- d. “witness of God” – John 17:6; John 18:37

3. John 20:22-23 – The Remission of Sins

- a. The authority only comes from God – John 5:22; Mark 2:7
 - i. Authority given to the disciples - Mat 16:19; 18:18; 19:28
 - ii. Remission *def.* Forgiveness, a pardon. Giving up a punishment.
 - iii. Repent. *def.* A change of mind, sorrow, or regret.
 - 1. God repents → Gen 6:6-7, Judges 2:18, Jer 18:8
 - 2. Repentance needed - Luke 15:7, 2 Cor 7:8-10
 - iv. Repentance is needed for every sinner – Luke 15:7, 17:3-4
- b. But... The means of righteousness has changed (content of faith)
 - i. Adam and Eve → Gen 3:7 & 3:21, Gen 4:3-5
 - ii. Moses and the law → Lev 18:5, Deut 6:25, Prov 12:28
 - iii. Prophets – “Repent” + law obedience → Ezekiel 18:20,
 - iv. John the Baptist + water baptism → Mat 3:2,5, Mk 1:4; Lk 1:77
 - v. Jesus + “his name” → Luke 24:47, Acts 2:38, 10:43
 - vi. Paul – works = grace → Rom 3:26, 4:5-8, 6:7 – dead to sin
- c. **Blood and forgiveness** → Blood is payment Heb 9:22, Lev 17:11
 - i. Their sins are forgiven, propiated, but... Heb 6:6, 10:18
 - ii. The blotting out happens in the future - Acts 3:19-21
 - iii. Our forgiveness by the blood is done - Col 1:14, Rom 5:11
 - iv. Jesus’ blood is needed for the New Testament – Mat 26:28
 - 1. The blood of Christ better than bulls - Heb 9:13-17
- d. **Forgiveness and justification** (righteousness) are different – Rom 4:25
 - i. Forgiveness comes by the blood – sacrifice, bulls, ultimately Christ
 - ii. Justification is beyond forgiveness – it is declaring righteousness
 - iii. Righteousness comes by faith – Rom 3:22, to the ungodly- 4:5
 - iv. Covenant program says ‘Not faith only, but also works’ Jam 2:24