

HAVE YOURSELF A  
BLESSED LITTLE CHRISTMAS



BEATITUDES IN THE PSALMS

A Maskil of David.

“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

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Psalms 32:1-5

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The door to enter God's house of blessing is **forgiveness**.

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**Brokenness** precedes the beauty of  
**forgiveness**.

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The car is bent.

The car is broken.

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The car is bent.

The car is broken.

The car is smashed.

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The car is bent.

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= The vehicle is totaled.

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Psalm 32:3-4



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“I did not cover my iniquity;”

Psalm 32:5b

“And they heard the sound of the LORD  
God walking in the garden in the cool of  
the day, and the man and his wife hid  
themselves from the presence of the LORD  
God among the trees of the garden.”

Genesis 3:8

“I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.’”

Psalms 32:5c

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Confession is **admitting** the ugly truth and throwing it at God.

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“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.”

Leviticus 19:17

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“The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

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“keeping steadfast love for thousands,  
forgiving iniquity and transgression and  
sin.”

Exodus 34:6-7a

“And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.”

Psalm 32:5d

God's forgiveness is  
forgiveness to infinity and beyond.

“For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

Psalm 103:11-12



[The forgiven] “is now blessed, and ever shall be. Be he ever so poor, or sick, or sorrowful, he is blessed in very deed.

“Pardoning mercy is of all things in the world most to be prized, for it is the only and sure way to happiness.

“To hear from God’s own Spirit the words,  
‘I forgive you’ is joy unspeakable.”

Charles Spurgeon

The blessing of forgiveness in  
Psalm 32 and Romans 4

“For there is no distinction: for all have  
sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 3:22b-23

“What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh?

“For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

“For what does the Scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.’”

Romans 4:1-3



“Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.”

Romans 4:4

“And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,”

Romans 4:5

“just as David also speaks of the blessing  
of the one to whom God counts  
righteousness apart from works:

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

Romans 4:6-8

“But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it ...”

Romans 3:21

“—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.”

Romans 3:22-25a

“This was to show God’s righteousness,  
because in his divine forbearance he had  
passed over former sins.



“It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”

Romans 3:25b-26

“Oh, the blessednesses! The double joys,  
the bundles of happiness, the mountains of  
delight!

“Transgression, sin, and iniquity, are the three-headed dog at the gates of hell, but our glorious Lord has silenced its barkings for ever against his own believing ones.

“The trinity of sin is overcome by the  
Trinity of heaven.”

Charles Spurgeon