

*Psalm 103:2-4 Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; 3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.-*

1. We have a \_\_\_\_\_

Abraham Maslow; "To the man who only has a hammer in the toolkit, every problem looks like a nail."

The problem is \_\_\_\_\_.

1 John 1:8; *If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.*

Calvin, from the comic strip, Calvin and Hobbs by Bill Watterson; "I have a hammer! I can put things together! I can knock things apart! I can alter my environment at will and make an incredible din all the while! Ah, it's great to be male!"

2. Sin is \_\_\_\_\_.

The price is \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 9:22; ... *For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.*

1 Peter 3:18; *Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit.*

Matthew 26:28; *for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.*

Ephesians 1:7; *He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.*

### 3. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 103:10;-12; *He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. 11 For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. 12 He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.*

\_\_\_\_\_ ; pardoned, debt cancelled, excused, absolved, or acquitted.

## What must I do to be forgiven?

### 1. Openly declare \_\_\_\_\_ and believe.

Romans 10:9-10; *If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.*

### 2. Confess \_\_\_\_\_.

1 John 1:9; *If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.*

Joshua 24:15; *Choose today whom you will serve... As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."