

## UNFR (Forgiveness)

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### **Berean Challenge** (Acts 17:11)

*"Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true."*

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## **Program:**

### **Reaction to our study on those who love God, but do not go to church!**

*I made some bad mistakes. I admitted them and asked God to forgive me...and I was forgiven. But the church body turned its back on me and dropped me from their lives. Instead of forgiving me they left me alone and left me to battle my way out of my problems. I truly believe people would be more inclined to go to church if they truly felt their was love and forgiveness within the walls of the church.*

## **Several issues:**

### **Forgiveness is a personal issue?**

What takes away my sin? Grace through faith...(Eph 2:8)

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through **faith...**"*

James 2:26- Faith and works.

Forgiveness only comes **one way**. (Acts 4:12)

### **Forgiveness complete** (I John 1)

Corinthian sin issue (I Cor. 5 and II cor. 2)

Restoration

Gal. 6 :1- *"Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted."*

Ephesians 5:19-21- How can we speak to one another?

Logs on a fire- spread them out...**the fire goes out!**

### **Identifying Sin**

Gal. 5:19-21- Obvious acts of sin

5:22-26- Fruit of Spirit (Rom 8:5-9- no salvation w/o the Spirit)

Eph. 4:17-5:7- identifying sin

Eph 5:10- shameful to talk about some sin.

Some sins have greater consequences- (I Cor. 6:17f )

Rom 6:1-2- Do not go on sinning

Rom 14- Actions can be sin to some and not sin to another

### **But...**

#### **Expectations**

This man served as a minister.

James 3:1- *"Teachers will be judged more strictly"*

#### **Warnings**

Timothy 4:15,16

#### **Hypocrisy is no excuse**

There have always been hypocrites in the church. Christians are not perfect.

If the saved are in the church, a person who uses the excuse that the church is full of hypocrites is closer to God than a person outside the church.