

A Lesson from Hosea

Living Forgiven

vss. 5-14

# **INTRODUCTORY THOUGHTS**

We're forgiven because we have an <u>ADVOCATE</u>	vs.1	
This Advocate		
Pleads our case to the Father		
( PERFECT REPRESENTATION )	vs.1	CLOSING COMMENTS
Is also our sacrifice, our atonement, our righteousness	_	
( PERFECT IDENTIFICATION )	vs.2	
Is our proof that our debt has been paid in full	_	
( PERFECT VERIFICATION )		





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## **Getting Started**

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbcventura.org

#### Going Deeper

Re-read 1 John 2:1-14. Try comparing two different translations.

Was there anything surprising or new that you learned from the sermon? What was most meaningful or significant for you? Why?

Was the background information about the Apostle John helpful in understanding his letter? How so?

If most people only know us to the degree that we allow them to know us, it stands to reason that when we forgive one another this forgiveness is based upon <u>partial knowledge</u> at best! Talk about what it means that because God FULLY knows us, we are completely forgiven!

When John talks about *knowing God*, what does he mean? How is this different than mere intellectual knowledge? Discuss

What do verses 1 & 2 tell us about Jesus and His role in our life? How does He provide perfect representation?

Talk about a time in your life when you had *great representation* - whether this involved a labor union, a committee, a family member, a counselor, a lawyer... What happened? Why was this experience meaningful?

How does Jesus <u>differ</u> from every other *Advocate*? (<u>hint</u>: point #2 on the sermon outline!) How is He able to do this?

Read and discuss Hebrews 4:15-16. Talk about these verses within the context of the previous question.

In ancient times, a *certificate of redemption* was supplied when purchasing someone out of slavery. What is Jesus' eternal certificate (proof) of redemption? John 20:24-29; Luke 24:36-40 & Revelation 5:6

Talk about the lessons we learn from the Old Testament book of Hosea.

What do verses 5-11 of our passage tell us about what it means to *live* forgiven? Read & discuss Ephesians 5:8-20 as you close your group time.

# **Application**

What did you learn from this study that will help you to live forgiven?

Is there anyone you can ask to help encourage you/support you in this?

## <u>Prayer</u>

How can your group pray for you? If you don't have a group and you're doing this study individually, feel free to email your request to the CBC staff.