

Forgiveness and Renewal  
Psalm 51 (Part 1)

David Begins with an Appeal to God's Nature and to God's Passion - 51:1

- God's nature is lovingkindness that is true, constant, unfailing, faithful, steadfast  
- Ps 63:3; I Jo 4:8

...Our view of God determines where we go with our sins - Ps 32:7; Gen 3:8

...His unfailing love is a love of great grace and much mercy - 51:1

grace: God giving us what we do not deserve

mercy: God not giving us what we do deserve

- God's passion is a holy passion for oneness - Jer 31:3; Lam 3:19-32

...His desire is to share His Life freely with all who will trust Him

...His yearnings for oneness are greater than our desires for independence

David Continues with a Confession of Sin and of Need for Renewal

- David acknowledges...

...His sin/rebellion - 51:3,4

...That it is his fault - there is no one else to blame

- David declares his need for...

...forgiveness - 51:1-4,7

...a new heart - 51:10

The Work of God in Jesus Christ Is the Answer to David's Prayer - Acts 2:38; Ro 5:8-10

- What man cannot produce, God freely provides

...as a free gift - Ro 3:24

- The gift of forgiveness through Christ's death - I Jo 1:7,9; Eph 1:7; Col 2:13,14

...a sinful nature is also put to death - Ro 6:5-22

- The gift of the New Creation - II Co 5:17

...the impartment of Christ's life to us - II Co 13:5; Col 1:27; Ga 2:20