



## **6.14.2020 Pulpit Curriculum – Christ’s Forever Forgiveness, Full and Free: The Forgetfulness of God**

**(Hebrews 10:15-18)** - Building Faith celebrates the forever forgiveness provided by a forgetful God.

Dallas, TX – On September 7, 2018 at 10pm, Amber Guyger, a police officer, killed Botham Shem Jean in his own apartment. On October 4, 2019, Brandt Jean shocked the world when he took the stand and forgave his brother’s killer and urged her to give her life to Jesus Christ.<sup>1</sup>

### **4) Perfect Promise v. 15, 16 -- New Covenant-relationship and power through forgiveness. (Points 1-3)**

[Jeremiah 31:31-37](#); [Ezekiel 36:22-38](#) -- God talked about forgiving the Kingdom of Judah and changing their hearts even as He prepared to exile them for their sin – then again during the exile. Why does God want to forgive us so much? How is our guilt an obstacle? [Isaiah 59:1, 2](#); [Habakkuk 1:13](#)

[Jeremiah 9:23-24](#) – In Jeremiah, God talks about knowing Him seven times, frequently associating it with doing right. What do we mean by “knowing God” (“appreciation, not information”)? What does knowing God do for us? What does our knowing Him do for a God who is already perfect and complete?

**What is the essential purpose of the covenant? How can we grow our relationship with the Lord?**

### **5) Perfect Forgiveness v. 17 -- The mechanism of the full, free and forever forgiveness is the cross of the spotless lamb. Colossians 2:13-15; Isaiah 53:3-6**

Old Testament verses about God's forgiveness: [Psalm 85:2](#); [86:5](#); [103:10, 12](#); [Isaiah 38:17](#); [43:25](#); [44:22](#); [Jeremiah 31:34](#); [50:20](#); [Micah 7:18-19](#)

People fail to enjoy the gift when they:

- 1) minimize its significance by a shallow view of sin (“[Why Does God Hate Sin?](#)” at GotQuestions.org)
- 2) complicate it through the error of “not forgiving myself” (placing our justice above God's) ([1 John 1:9](#))
- 3) refuse to share forgiveness to others liberally ([Matthew 18:21-35](#))

**Can we identify in our own lives ways that we fail to enjoy the gift of forgiveness (minimize, complicate, refuse to share)? What are some examples?**

### **6) Perfect Sacrifice v. 18**

**Do you have forever forgiveness full and free?** How do you know? If the answer is yes, do you ever doubt it? What makes you doubt? If the answer is no, let’s fix that [today](#).

Are you living as though you have this forgiveness? What does that look like (see previous section)? (Hint -- not like continuing in sin ([Romans 6:1-4](#)); more like [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#) & [Exodus 19:4-6](#))

A lack of clarity regarding forgiveness can deprive you of the boldness, peace, and joy Jesus died to give you. **Who can we talk with to help us move to greater clarity on these questions?**

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<sup>1</sup> Optional discussion questions: Some people objected to Brandt Jean forgiving his brother’s killer. What do you think their reasons were? According to the Bible, what is God’s position regarding those objections to forgiveness?