

“Pardon Me”

Romans 8:1 & 5:1-11

INTRODUCTION: *The common expression: **pardon me** and also pardons from governments & courts*

I. A PARDON FROM GOD

- A. A wonderful pardon (Romans 8:1)
- B. Benefits from this pardon (Romans 5:1-11)
- C. We need this pardon (Romans 3:10; 23; 6:23)
- D. Some today think they don't need it
- E. St. Paul once thought the same (Philippians 3:4-8)

II. A PARDON FOR OTHERS

- A. Some people will not pardon
- B. Yet we are called to pardon others (Ephesians 4:32)
- C. Note: St. Paul, Philemon & the slave Onesimus
[**read:** the 25 verse book of Philemon!]
- D. The church is to be “**a pardon place**” (Romans 8:1)

III. A PARDON TO YOURSELF

- A. You pardoning yourself for past sins & mistakes
- B. Living in the spirit of Romans 8:1
- C. Being set free from your own self-made prison
- D. *Hiroo Onada: The Japanese soldier captive in his self-made island prison for 30 years – pardoned at last*
- E. The LORD can pardon all that has been wrong in your life
(Psalm 103:12)

CONCLUSION: Jesus is the LORD of your *unchangeable past* & your *unpredictable future*.

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