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SERMON OUTLINE -- AUGUST 27, 2023

"Pardon Me"

(Romans 8:1)

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

II. A PARDON FOR US & OTHERS

- A. Some people will not pardon
- B. Yet we are called to pardon others (Ephesians 4:32)
- C. Hear again God's **pardon promise** (Romans 8:1)
- D. God's pardon frees us from our own self-made prison
- E. *Hiroo Onada:* The Japanese soldier in his self-made island prison for 30 years
- F. Receive God's **pardon promise** for all that has been wrong in your life (Psalm 103:12)

CONCLUSION: Pardon Me? Pardon You? (Yes, God has!!)