

“GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY AND FORGIVENESS” (Genesis 45 & 50)

-Think about it: Ever since Adam & Eve sinned in the garden, people have had trouble getting along. But because of what Christ accomplished on the cross, fractured relationships can be restored. The Bible calls it reconciliation.

-Genesis 45:1-3,

-Focus shifts from the offender to the offended

-*“Joseph could not control himself”*

#1---Full reconciliation requires genuine _____!

-What does repentance mean? Psalm 51:17

-Worldly sorrow versus Godly sorrow – II Corinthians 7:9-11

-Why did Joseph put his brothers through so much?

-*“I AM JOSEPH!”*

-*“Please come closer to me”*

#2---Full reconciliation requires genuine _____!

(more on the back)

#3---God-given _____ gives motivation for forgiveness!

-Genesis 42:24; 43:30; 45:2; 50:17

-An example – Luke 23:34 –

-Another example – Acts 7:60 –

#4---Accepting the _____ of God frees the believer to be forgiving!

-*“God sent me!”*

-Habakkuk 1:13; James 1:13-15

-Joseph was released from bondage to those who had wronged him.

#5---True forgiveness _____ the past and looks to the future with _____!

-Genesis 50:15-21 – Many years later...

-The brothers’ concern...

-Joseph’s response...

-Genesis 50:24-26 – Joseph’s legacy – cf Hebrews 11:22

-*“a coffin in Egypt”*