Wilderness/Promise #8 Pastor Nick Doyle

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**The promise of God with us includes forgiveness**

*The Bible shares that we are born into darkness. We are people without hope, bent towards sin and in serious spiritual trouble without a change of direction. We are a people in need of rescue.*

*Christmas is that rescue story. The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us (1 John 1:14); not only do we have a rescue plan, but we have a rescuer who brings with him of one of the most incredible promises- the promise of Forgiveness.*

**Zechariah’s Song**

**67**His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

**68**“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,  
    because he has come to his people and redeemed them.  
**69**He has raised up a horn[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%201%3A67-79&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-24963a" \o "See footnote a)] of salvation for us  
    in the house of his servant David  
**70**(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),  
**71**salvation from our enemies  
    and from the hand of all who hate us—  
**72**to show mercy to our ancestors  
    and to remember his holy covenant,  
**73**    the oath he swore to our father Abraham:  
**74**to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,  
    and to enable us to serve him without fear  
**75**    in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

**76And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;  
    for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,  
77to give his people the knowledge of salvation  
    through the forgiveness of their sins,  
78**because of the tender mercy of our God,  
    by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven  
**79**to shine on those living in darkness  
    and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

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1. God makes the way for forgiveness: **God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the forgiveness of sins (Gen 3:11)**

**God acts \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Gen 3:21)**

1. God leads the way for forgiveness: **God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_for the forgiveness of sins**

**God calls \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 17:7)**

1. God supports the way of forgiveness: **God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_for the forgiveness of sins- One way, Jesus.**

**God approved** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**(John 3:16)**

**What concern in your life does this address?**

**For if you have heard this message today of Jesus and his gift of salvation and you believe it is true in your heart, and you confess with your mouth by faith that you are need of a Lord and Saviour- You will be saved.**

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved Rom 10:10