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**Ps. 32:11, “Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!” (NIV)**

David is rejoicing in the mercy and grace of the LORD. As you read through this Psalm, you see the repentant heart of David and the joy that he finds in the forgiveness of the LORD.

You may recall that David had sinned greatly with Bathsheba and then had her husband killed in battle. How could David then think that he was righteous and upright in heart? It is because of his repentance in **Ps. 51:10-12, “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.” (NIV)**

This caused David to rejoice as he remembered the blessedness of being forgiven. Not only that, he could rejoice that he had been redeemed from his guilt and the release from the life of hypocrisy of living a double-life. No matter what you have done. No matter how bad you think you have messed up your life, there is forgiveness at the foot of the cross. There is atonement by the blood of the Lamb. So because of this, David praises the LORD: **Ps. 51:15, “Open my lips, LORD, and my mouth will declare Your praise.” (NIV)**

**Dear LORD, You have covered our sins with Your precious blood. We are redeemed and as far as the east is from the west, You have removed our transgressions from us. How can we do anything but praise You. In Jesus Name, Amen**