

Forgiveness

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"And as they were eating, **Jesus** took bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.' And **He** took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink you all of it; for this is My blood of the New Covenant, which **is shed for many for the Forgiveness of sins.**' " ([Matthew 26:26-28](#))

After His death and resurrection Jesus appeared to His disciples, "And **He (Jesus)** said unto them, 'These are the words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, that **all things must be fulfilled**, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms, **concerning Me.**' Then He opened their understanding, so that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, 'Thus it is written, for the **Christ to suffer**, and to rise from the dead the third day; and **that repentance and Forgiveness of sins should be preached in His Name among all nations,** beginning at Jerusalem.' " ([Luke 24:44-47](#))

Forgiveness: from the Greek word ***aphesin*** a noun which means: forgiveness, remission, pardon; properly: something sent away; i.e. a remission, or forgiveness, releasing someone from obligation, debt, or sins. The letting go of sins, as if they had not been committed, including the remission of their penalty. Forgiveness is the action or process of forgiving or being forgiven. The verb form is: to forgive. Forgiveness denotes a sending away, that results in release, remission, or pardon. As coming from God it is sin focused, describing either the removal of guilt or the liberation that follows pardon.

Forgiveness is an attribute of God mercifully bestowed upon His people:

"And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him (Moses) there, and proclaimed the Name of the LORD. And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, 'The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, **Keeping mercy for thousands, Forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.**' " ([Exodus 34:5-7](#)) (see also [Numbers 14:18](#))

"Out of the depths I have cried unto You, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice; let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there **is Forgiveness with You**, so that You may be feared." ([Psalms 130:1-4](#))

"LORD, You have been favorable unto Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob. You have **Forgiven the iniquity of Your people**, You have **covered all their sin.** Selah. You have taken away all Your wrath; You have turned Yourself from the fierceness of Your anger" ([Psalms 85:1-4](#))

Prophetically foretold:

"And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the **Highest**: for you shall go before the face **of the Lord (Jesus) to prepare His ways**; to give knowledge of salvation unto His people **in the Forgiveness of their sins**, through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the Dayspring from on High (a title of Jesus) has visited us, **to give Light** to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." ([Luke 1:76-79](#) Zacharias speaking to his new born son John the Baptist concerning the promised Messiah Jesus)

"Now ... the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he came into all the country about the Jordan (River), **preaching the baptism of repentance for the Forgiveness of sins**; as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying, '*The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare you the way of **the Lord**, and make **His** paths straight*' ([Isaiah 40:3](#))." ([Luke 3:2-4](#))

Jesus, like God the Father, can forgive sins:

“And they came unto Him (to Jesus), bringing a paralytic, who was carried by four. And when they could not come near unto him for the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was; and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed upon which the paralytic lay. When **Jesus saw their faith, He** said unto the paralytic, **'Son, your sins are forgiven you.'** But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, 'Why does this Man thus speak blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God only? And immediately when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, He said unto them, 'Why do you reason these things in your hearts? What is it easier to say to the paralytic, **'You sins be forgiven you;'** or to say, **'Arise, and take up your bed, and walk?'** But so that you may know that the **Son of Man (Jesus Himself) has power on earth to forgive sins,** He said to the paralytic, 'I say unto you, 'Arise,' and take up your bed, and go your way into your house.' And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, **and glorified God.**” (Mark 2:3-12) (see also [Matthew 9:2-8](#), and [Luke 5:17-26](#))

“And **Jesus** answering said unto him, 'Simon, I have something to say unto you.' And he said, 'Master, speak on.' 'There was a certain creditor which had two debtors; the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he freely **forgave them both.** Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?' Simon answered and said, 'I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most.' And He said unto him, 'You have rightly judged.' And He turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, 'See you this woman? I entered into your house, and you gave me no water for My feet; but she has washed My feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. You gave Me no kiss; but this woman since the time I came in has not ceased to kiss My feet. you did not anoint My head with oil; but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant-oil. Therefore I say unto you, her sins, which are many, **are Forgiven;** for she loved much; but to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little. And He said unto her, **'Your sins are Forgiven.'** And those who sat at the meal with Him began to say within themselves, **'Who is this who forgives sins also?'** And He said to the woman, **'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'**” (Luke 7:40-50)

Forgiveness: is an attribute of God that we receive from God through Christ Jesus:

“The God of our fathers raised up **Jesus**, whom you killed and hanged on a tree (a Cross). Him has God exalted to His Right Hand to be a [Prince](#) and [a Savior](#), for to give repentance to Israel, **and Forgiveness of sins.** And we are His witnesses of these things; and so also is the Holy Spirit, whom **God** has given to those who obey Him.” (Acts 5:30-32)

Paul said, “Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this Man (Jesus) is preached unto you **the Forgiveness of sins;** and in Him all who believe are justified from all things, from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets; *'Behold, you despisers, and wonder, and perish; for I am working a work in your days, a work which you shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you'* ([Habakkuk 1:5](#)).” (Acts 13:38-41)

Paul also wrote, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us** with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; according as He has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, so that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love; having predestinated us unto the adoption of children through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He has made us accepted in the Beloved (in Jesus); in whom we have redemption through His blood, the Forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His Grace; Wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence.” ([Ephesians 1:3-8](#))

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"This then is the message which we have heard from Him, and declare unto you, **that God is Light**, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth; but if we walk in the Light, **as He is in the Light**, we have fellowship one with another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin**. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to Forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from **all unrighteousness**. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us." (1 John 1:5-10)

Forgiveness: an attribute that we ourselves can do, and are told to do:

"But love you your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and you shall be the children of the Highest (God the Father) for He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Therefore, **be you merciful**, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and you shall not be judged; condemn not, and you shall not be condemned; **forgive**, and **you shall be Forgiven**." (Luke 6:35-37)

"Therefore, **put on**, as the chosen of God, holy and beloved, **tender mercies**, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; forbearing one another, and **forgiving one another**; if any man has a quarrel against anyone; **even as Christ Forgave you**, so **also do you**. And above all these things **put on Love**, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also you are called in one body; and be you thankful." (Colossians 3:12-15)

Jesus said, "After this manner therefore pray you: 'Our Father who is in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. **And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors**. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever, Amen. For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also **Forgive you**. But if you **do not forgive** men their trespasses, neither will your Father Forgive your trespasses.'" (Matthew 6:9-15) (see also Mark 11:25-26) (see also Matthew 18:21-35, 7x77!)

"Blessed is he whose transgression is Forgiven, whose **sin is covered**.
Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD **imputes not iniquity**." (Psalms 32:1-2)

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The Blood of Jesus was shed for many for the Forgiveness of all sins !

Thus through Jesus comes Grace and the Forgiveness of sins !

Repentance from sins precedes Forgiveness of sins !

Jesus is Faithful to Forgive us our all sins !

Forgive, and you shall be Forgiven !

Father, help us to be merciful towards others, as you are also merciful towards us !!

Thank You Father, Thank You Jesus for Forgiving our transgressions and sins !!

Thank You for taking away all Your wrath, and fierce anger from us !!

Thank You for making us accepted in Your Beloved Son Jesus !!

Thank You for cleansing us from all unrighteousness !!

All Praise, and Glory, and Honor to You forever and ever! Amen !