

The Forgiveness of Our Trespasses; Ephesians 1:7b
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2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

HEBREWS 8:12

¹² For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.”

ISAIAH 43:25

²⁵ “I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

JEREMIAH 31:34

³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

PSALM 103:12

¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

MICAH 7:19

¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

ACTS 3:19

¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out.

1 JOHN 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

What’s Required of the Sinner to Receive Forgiveness?

1. The sinner must be convinced in their mind that they have sinned against God. It is not enough to know that you’ve sinned against a person.
2. The sinner must have a sincere and genuine resolve to never commit that sin again.
3. The sinner must possess faith that God can, will, and desires to forgive the sinner’s sin.
4. The sinner must earnestly desire to be in a state of forgiving others who have sinned against them.

ISAIAH 55:7

⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

The forgiveness of God is not measured by;

1. The character of the repentant sinner
2. The genuineness of the repentance
3. The quantifiable life-change of the sinner
4. The public confession of the sinner
5. The reparations made by the sinner toward to one(s) sinned against

The extent of the Father's forgiveness is not limited by;

1. The length of time spent in sin
2. The heinousness of the sinner's sins prior to repentance
3. The strength of the sinner's faith

The Forgiveness of God is not Necessarily;

1. The end of our disappointment in ourselves

ROMANS 7:14–25

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

2. The removal of our feelings of shame

MATTHEW 12:36

³⁶ I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak.

PHILIPPIANS 3:13

¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.

EPHESIANS 2:11

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—

1 CORINTHIANS 6:11

¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

EZEKIEL 36:25-38

²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. ³⁰ I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. ³¹ Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. ³² It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord GOD; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel. ³³ "Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. ³⁴ And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. ³⁵ And they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' ³⁶ Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I am the LORD; I have rebuilt the ruined places and replanted that which was desolate. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it. ³⁷ "Thus says the Lord GOD: This also I will let the house of Israel ask me to do for them: to increase their people like a flock. ³⁸ Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am the LORD."

ROMANS 8:28

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

1 JOHN 4:17

¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.

ROMANS 6:21-23

²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

3. The bringing of feelings of peace