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Does God Forgive Sins?

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To be a blessing to someone else in any area, you first need to be blessed in that area yourself. Fear is the door in our lives that can keep Jesus out.

So often words are spoken and they bring fear, but God's words bring faith!

"Never let your failures define who you are. Know that your future in God is greater than anything that you can see, but you must accept by faith the destiny has for you."

Let the word of Jesus define who you are.

We often think that we must do all the right things for God in our religious mindsets.

Psalms 103:3-12 "3Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; 4Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; 5Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. 6The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. 7He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. 8The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. 9He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger forever. 10He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 11For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. 12As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

In the Old Testament, if you committed one sin then you broke the whole law!

If sin is removed from us at an immeasurable distance, why do we hang on to it?

God knew that we would sin. He has prepared a way back for us by His Son Jesus.

In the Old Testament, there was atonement for peoples' sins. They were brought before the people every year. This motivated people by guilt not love.

You will never understand the goodness of the New Testament without understanding something about the Old Testament. Jesus' blood and sacrifice was not atonement; it was sufficient!

Hebrews 10:1-4 "1For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. 2For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. 3But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. 4For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins."

(Romans 5:10 "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.")

Under the old covenant (testament) there was still the awareness of sin. When we allow sin to dominate our lives instead of God's grace, then we are living under the old covenant.

God doesn't even want us to have an awareness of sin because Jesus has removed us from those sins. If we live under the law, than Christ died in vain.

You have a gift to serve in the Body of Christ; somewhere, you have a place in the Body of Christ.

Hebrews 10:17 "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."

Isaiah 43:25 “I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.”

There are no regrets in heaven. They are only in hell. Christ covered our sins. Religion has said that we are to pay over and over for our sins, but Jesus’ blood blots out our sins to where there is not remembrance.

There is the story of the young man who accidentally killed his grandmother’s pet duck with a sling shot while no one was around. The young man buried the duck, turned around and found his sister watching him. He begged her not to tell their grandmother and she promised not to, if he would do all the chores. Each time a chore was mentioned, his sister would say, “Remember the duck?” and the boy would go to the chore. Finally, the young man had enough and went straight this is grandmother to confess to killing her duck. The grandmother knew all along. She had watched from the kitchen window. She was just wondering how long her grandson would allow for his sister to make a slave out of him.

God knows what you have done. We might try to be religious, but the devil will try to remind us, “Remember what you did?” God knew what happened all along, when you come to Him, than you are forgiven. You are in right standing with Him. God wants a transparent relationship between you and Him. He wants a transparent relationship between spouses. When you are transparent with your spouse, you are not afraid to come to them with a request. This is what God wants for our relationship with Him.

If an elephant is chained with a small chain and stake when it is young it cannot get away. As the elephant grows it can easily get away from that chain and stake, but it doesn’t try because it is chained to the memory. Don’t allow Satan chain you down with a memory.

1 John 1:9-10 “8If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

“*Cleanse*” means to clear us of sin and guilt. So when you are forgiven, Jesus took your shame too. You will never be good enough to merit it. It takes faith by Jesus Christ.