

The Blessing of Forgiveness

What is Forgiveness? Forgiveness is when God will **not** count your sins against you. **Rom 4:7** *"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; Rom 4:8 blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."*

What is sin? Sin is any time we break the Ten Commandments. For instance, have you ever told a lie? We all have. The lie that we told is sin, because it breaks the Ninth Commandment, **Exo 20:16** *"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. Any time we break any commandment, it is sin."*

Why do you need Forgiveness? You need forgiveness because God is a righteous judge, who will judge each man according to their deeds. **Psa 7:11** *God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day. Eze 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. Rev 21:8 ...and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."*

What did God do about sin? Because he loves his people, God sent his son, Jesus Christ, who was God, into the world, to become a man, to live a perfectly obedient life, and then to die for the sins of his people. He was crucified, died, and on the third day was raised from the dead. **Joh 3:17** *For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 1Ti 1:15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Mat 27:35 And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Mat 27:50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. Mat 28:5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. Mat 28:6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 2Ti 2:8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel,*

How is a person forgiven? A person is forgiven, not just of one sin, **but every sin committed**, when he or she **believes in the Lord Jesus Christ**. **Act 13:38** *Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man (Christ) forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, Act 10:43 To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved from your sins. The one who believes, is forgiven and saved from judgment. **Joh 3:16** *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. Joh 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. Joh 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, Joh 3:15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."*

What must a person do to be saved? He or she must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Act 16:30 *Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Act 16:31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." Joh 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."*

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Please **join us every Sunday** to hear about the **blessing of forgiveness** - which is yours if you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. *Psa_36:8 They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.* Come and hear about our wonderful Lord Jesus Christ, **who gave his life for his people.** *Gal 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, Gal 1:4 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, Gal 1:5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.* Come and hear of his **great salvation and eternal life in Christ**, which is yours if you believe in him. No sin is too great for salvation in Christ. *Psa_40:16 But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"*

Morning Worship 10:00

Discussion 11:45

Lunch 12:45

Afternoon Worship 2:00

