

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” *Psalm 119:105 (ESV)*

Praise be to the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Welcome as we explore the living Word of God, the Bible our divine guide through life and into eternity. Scripture is not merely words on a page; it is the voice of the living God, speaking to every generation.

One of Satan's Oldest Lies: “God Does Not Forgive”

Since the beginning, Satan has sown lies to distort the character of God. One of the most destructive lies is the idea that **God does not forgive, or that He is too angry to love us**. This is a lie designed to push people away from the hope of redemption.

Satan knows that if a person truly believes that God is willing to forgive sin, then they will run to Him and he will lose control over them. That's why the enemy works tirelessly to make people believe that their sins are too great, too many, or too repeated to be forgiven.

But the Bible tells us otherwise.

God's Forgiveness Is Central to His Nature

Forgiveness is not something God does reluctantly it is **at the core of who He is**. He is a merciful and gracious God who delights in restoring broken people. His forgiveness is full, free, and undeserved. It is **grace**.

"Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression... He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love."

Micah 7:18 (ESV)

This grace is shocking and powerful. What truly makes God awe inspiring is not just His acts of power and miracles, but His willingness to **forgive sin and completely remove it from the life of the sinner**.

"If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared."

Psalms 130:3-4 (ESV)

Notice the connection here: **“so that You may be feared.”** It’s not God’s wrath that drives our reverence; it’s His astonishing mercy.

Is Any Sin Too Big for God to Forgive?

You might be thinking, *“But I’ve sinned too much. What I’ve done is unforgivable.”* Have you committed murder? Have you repeatedly fallen into the same sexual sin? Have you harbored hatred, bitterness, or blasphemy?

There is still forgiveness. The Apostle Paul was a murderer of Christians, yet God not only forgave him but made him one of the greatest apostles (Acts 9:1-22).

The only sin that remains unforgiven is the **refusal to accept God’s forgiveness.** Jesus said:

“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin.”

Mark 3:28-29 (ESV)

This “blasphemy against the Holy Spirit” is the persistent, willful rejection of the Spirit’s witness about Christ. It is not an accidental sin it is a hardened heart that refuses to repent.

How Forgiveness Becomes Yours: Repentance and Faith

To receive God’s forgiveness, Scripture consistently teaches two things:**Repentance** Turning away from sin with a sincere heart.**Faith in Jesus Christ** Believing that He died and rose again to take away your sin.

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

1 John 1:9 (ESV)

And that faith is not just an internal belief. It is expressed outwardly through **baptism**, which symbolizes dying to sin and rising in new life with Christ.

Forgiveness and the Removal of Sin's Power

Forgiveness is not just about being "let off the hook." It's about being **transformed**. The cycle of sin can be broken. Many Christians struggle with repetitive sin because they have never had the root of sin removed. That's where baptism in Jesus' name becomes not just symbolic, but powerful.

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

Acts 2:38 (ESV)

Here, Peter gives the full Gospel response: **Repent, be baptized, receive forgiveness, and receive the Holy Spirit.**

This is the biblical model. Baptism by immersion represents burial of the old self (Romans 6:3-4), and the Holy Spirit enables us to walk in holiness. God doesn’t just forgive you **He empowers you to live a new life.**

What Must You Do?

If you’ve never repented or been baptized according to the Word of God, the invitation is open today. **Repent** Truly turn from your sins with the intention to follow Christ. **Be baptized** In water, by full immersion, in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 10:48; Acts 22:16). **Believe by faith** That you are fully forgiven, even before you “feel” it. **Receive the Holy**

Spirit Who empowers you to live a holy life and seals your salvation (Ephesians 1:13-14).

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

2 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV)

Final Word

Don't let shame or fear keep you from the grace of God. **Nothing you've done is beyond the reach of Christ's blood.** Come to Him today, repent with sincerity, and obey His Word. Your sins will be forgiven, your heart will be made new, and your name will be written in the Book of Life.

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;

though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

Isaiah 1:18 (ESV)

May the Lord bless you.

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