

THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN

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Act 26:18 To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive **forgiveness of sins**, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the **forgiveness of sins**:

REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD

Heb 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

1. **The Story of Redemption began in the Garden of Eden.** God clothes Adam and Even in a covering from an animal which gives his blood for a covering.
2. **Blood flows thought out the Bible and is connected to the Redemptive plan of God.**
3. **And Ends in the Book of Revelation, where it states:**

Rev 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Rev 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Rev 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

4. **Israel Deliverance out of Egypt** took the blood of a lamb sprinkled on the doorposts of the Israelites homes to be sheltered from the death angel.
 - a. **The Book of Exodus: there is a twofold division in the Book of Exodus.** Chapters one through eighteen are Books of Redemption.
 - b. **Chapters nineteen through forty are Books of Relationship.**
 - c. **The First Passover:** Was and eventful night and turning point in Israel's History. It was Israel's Fourth of July, or Independence Day, which was to forever remind them of their deliverance. A national birthday, representing as it were the birth of a nation.
 - d. **A Lamb for every house:** The lamb must be perfect without blemish. (Jesus a type, The spotless Lamb)
 - e. **Blood was to be sprinkled over the doorposts and the side posts, never on the threshold;** (there must be no trampling of the blood.)

“Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing, and hat done despite unto the Spirit of grace?” Hebrews 10:29

Lev 17:11 For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: **for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.**

CALVARY

1. **Calvary:** Is the very pivot point of all World History. All prior things pointing forward to it and all things after Calvary point back to it.
2. **To get to Pentecost you must pass Calvary.** We often get in a hurry to get to Pentecost. We often fail to really realize what Calvary really means.
3. **It was there that God proved His great love for the world.**

1Jo 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of *God*, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

4. **At the Cross, Jesus taught a great Lesson:** It was an object lesson, it wasn't taught as a discourse. There is no introduction, explanation, or conclusion set forth. But his response to an unreasonable, vehement hatred makes us all stand in awe, think and hopefully learn.

Luk 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

5. Calvary was the summit of the world's highest hopes and the place of the worlds' deepest sorrows. Where our God in bloody garments robed, courted and won our love. The sweetest story of our God is Calvary.

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

WHEN JESUS FORGAVE

1. There was a tremendous release of power that penetrated the universe, and funneled down to the earth.
2. All the sins of all ages prior to Calvary to this present day, were forgiven when his blood was shed on Calvary.
3. The Devil cannot work in the presence of forgiveness. When Jesus said, "Father forgive them" hell was bound the Vail in the Temple was rent in twain. And mercy came dancing out from the mercy seat and danced it's

way down the streets of Jerusalem, touched the thief on the cross, reached down and took a centurion by the hand. And continued its dance down to the graveyard and kicked over some tombstones. And some Old Testament Saint's enjoyed a mini rapture and appeared in Jerusalem. And mercy dove down into Hell and took the keys of death and hell.

Rev 1:18 I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

THAT IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN JESUS RELEASED THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

4. When people forgive one another, the power of God is released. When individuals and churches forgive one another they all experience revival, when forgiveness is present, principalities and powers and hell are neutralized. The Devil has to back up without a word, problems are solved and revival begins to break forth.
5. **Forgiveness affected three worlds:**
 - a. The Past
 - b. The Present
 - c. The Future
6. **When Jesus forgave**, flesh was affected, angels, hell, demons, the devil was bound, and sinners were set free.
1. **Forgiveness is the Spirit of Revival:** Ethiopia is having revival during persecution. People living in a country of persecution, must live in a spirit of forgiveness.

JESUS TAUGHT US TO FORGIVE OUR DEBTS

1. Jesus taught us to forgive our Debts as we forgive our Debtors.
2. A debt is something that is legally owed. Maybe someone legally owes you an apology (a debt) but won't pay it. **FORGIVE THEM ANYHOW!**
3. Sometimes you have to settle for 50 cents on a dollar. You're only responsible for your half.

4. At the moment of forgiveness Jesus spoiled all principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it Col. 2:15
 5. Colossians 2:14 “Blotting out the handwriting that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.” (This say’s that Jesus canceled out our certificate of death, and at the same time, disarmed Principalities and powers of hell.
 6. The Devil lives in darkness and darkness has not power over light. He tries to get his darkness in you, but light has power and energy over His darkness.
 7. He tries to get a residence into your heart, through resentments, bitterness and unforgiveness.
 8. The Bible tells us that we are seated far above principalities and powers in heavenly places. I am positioned **far above** principalities and Satan’s power’s, when I forgive.
 9. Forgiveness shattered the boundaries of Hell, it tore hell up. Forgiveness will tear up hell’s playground
 10. Why some people are bound and never make spiritual progress is that they are harboring small pockets of resentments and unforgiveness in their spirit.
 11. You never have to work on having a bad spirit. But you do have to work on having a good spirit and a good attitude.
- “Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” 2 Cor 7:1.