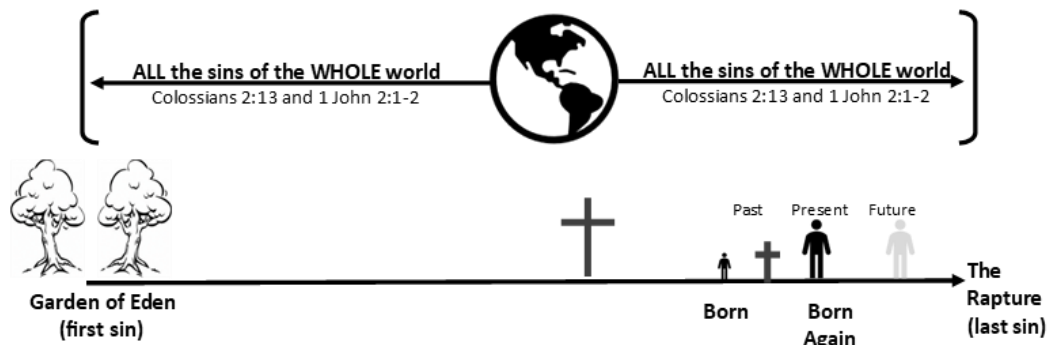


## All Your Sins are Forgiven

When it comes to sin, two errors will hinder victory and experiential peace. The first error is that ALL my sins are NOT forgiven; therefore, I do not have peace WITH God or His acceptance as a son. The other reason is that since all my sins are paid, it doesn't matter if I sin.

### 1. Peace with God: All your Sins are Forgiven

- a. **Colossians 2:13-14** When you were dead in your transgressions and uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.
- b. **Psalms 103:12** As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.
- c. **Isaiah 38:17b** For you have cast ALL my sins behind Your back.
- d. **Jeremiah 31:34** I will forgive their iniquities and their sins, I will remember no more"
- e. **Ephesians 1:7** In him, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses.
- f. **1 Peter 2:24** He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross.
- g. **1 John 1:7** The blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from ALL sin.
- h. **1 John 3:5** You know that He appeared in order to take away sins.
- i. **Ephesians 4:32** and **Colossians 3:13** Forgive each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.



Hebrews 9:28 says, "Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin." He has already dealt with the power of sin (the old man) and the penalty of sin (spiritual death). Christ removed the power of sin that reigned in the old man so that we have access to the power of God to say no to the temptation to sin. It is finished!

### 2. Peace of God: If my sins are paid in full, can't I sin? (1 Corinthians 6:12 and 10:23)

You could continue in sin, but that would be very costly to your soul and relationships. You wouldn't experience the daily blessing of peace, joy, and self-control. Christ died to the power of sin so that we could say no to the temptation to sin by His power. Sin always leaves an emotional footprint, the unseen cost of sin. Anxiety, depression, fear, shame, anger, self-loathing, and dis-ease are the destructive fruit of sin on the soul.

The devil aims his darts at our lies because lies cause us to live according to the flesh (sin). The enemy knows that sin will destroy the quality and effectualness of the believer's life. The devil cannot destroy your life, but sin will. Continue in sin? The cost is too high! **Romans 6:1** Continue in sin? May it never be! (For repentance from sin, see the Repentance handout.)

### 3. Don't I have to forgive others to receive God's forgiveness?

- a. Matthew 6:14-15 (The Lord's Prayer) "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions."
- b. Before Christ died, the blessing of God was based on keeping the Law, "love your neighbor." Because God knew no one would keep the Law, He included sacrifices to cover sin.
- c. Since Christ paid for all our sins, Ephesians 4:32 commands us to "forgive each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you." Forgiving is no longer a condition for the forgiveness of our sins. Because we are forgiven, we can access God's power to forgive and love others.

### 4. What about confessing sin?

"If I don't confess my sins, God won't forgive me." Have you ever thought this way and experienced the fear and anxiety it produces? Have you ever confessed sins and still felt doubtful about God's acceptance? While we should confess our sins to God, we do NOT confess our sins to restore peace WITH God. We confess sin because sin robs us of the peace OF God.

**According to 1 John 1:9, we can pray:** *Father, I confess \_\_\_\_\_ behavior is sin. Thank You that I am forgiven in Christ, and You cleanse me of all unrighteous thought patterns, feelings, behaviors, habits, and addictions. Thank You for exchanging my shame for Your peace. Amen.*

### 5. How do I accept God's forgiveness of all my sins?

**Ephesians 1:7** says, "We have [past tense] redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses." All our past, present, and future sins are forgiven. Is it time to accept God's forgiveness?

- a. Romans 5:1 Having been justified by faith, we [your name] have peace WITH God through Jesus.
- b. Romans 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those [your name] who are in Christ Jesus.
- c. Philippians 4:7 The peace OF God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard [your name] heart and mind in Christ Jesus.

Christ paid for all your sins, shortcomings, and failings. Therefore, you can refuse to fear God's punishment that Christ endured for you. Refuse to believe that your sins keep you from God's unconditional love and acceptance.

Hebrews tells us to draw near to God in our time of need. What is our time of need? When we are tempted and trapped in sin patterns. That is when we need the overcoming power of God. See, God is not punishing you; He tells you to confidently approach Him to receive help. When Christ paid for our sins, it removed God's anger so that God's love and victory would prevail in our life.

**According to Colossians 2:13, we can pray:** *Jesus, thank you for dying to pay for all my sins and giving me access to the Father. I accept Your forgiveness for ALL my sins, shortcomings, and failings. Thank you that I have peace with God and fill my heart with the peace of God. Father, I agree with Your Word that I am made righteous and blameless through new birth. Thank You that Your abounding grace destroys suggestions that I am not forgiven. In Jesus' name, amen!*

When the enemy reminds you of your past sins, remind him and yourself of His past defeat at the cross where all your sins were paid in full as a demonstration of God's love for you.