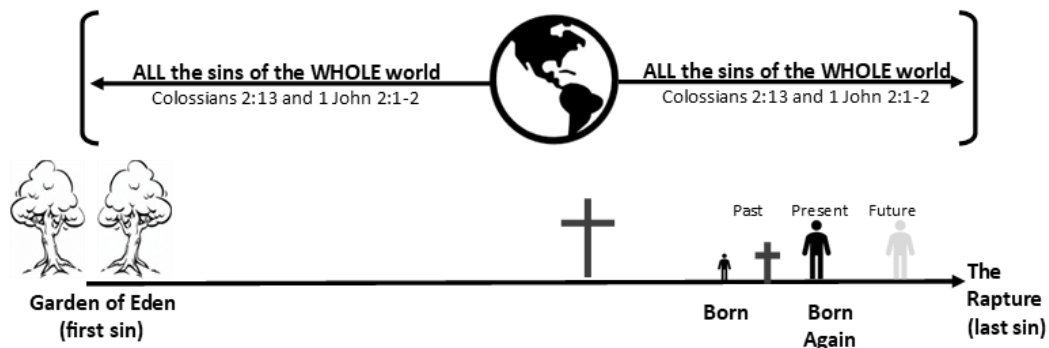


## All Your Sins Are Forgiven

**When we do not believe we have peace WITH God, we cannot experience the peace OF God either.** Two extremes undermine Christian confidence and victory. The first is the erroneous belief that ALL my sins are NOT forgiven; therefore, I am unacceptable and do not have peace WITH God. The other erroneous belief is that since all my sins are paid, it doesn't matter if I sin, which robs me of the peace OF God.

### Peace with God: All Your Sins are Forgiven

1. He made you alive together with [Christ], 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. Colossians 2:13-14
2. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Psalms 103:12
3. For you have cast ALL my sins behind Your back. Isaiah 38:17
4. I will forgive their iniquities and their sins, I will remember no more. Jeremiah 31:34
5. In him, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses. Ephesians 1:7
6. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross. 1 Peter 2:24
7. The blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from ALL sin. 1 John 1:7
8. Forgive each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32



When you placed your faith in Christ, you were co-crucified and resurrected, too. Christ's death broke the power of sin and paid the penalty for all of your sins. The discussion about sin and forgiveness is over. 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." It is finished. Christ's life is now your life, making your spirit clean forever and enabling you to walk in the newness of His life.

### Peace of God: Since My Sins Are Paid, Can't I Sin?

Lies block the peace of God, just like sin. You could continue in sin, but that would be very costly to your soul and relationships. **Sin always leaves a costly emotional footprint.** Anxiety, depression, fear, shame, anger, self-loathing, and unrest are the soul-crushing fruits of sin. You won't experience your spiritual inheritance of peace, joy, and self-control when sinning. Christ died to the power of sin so that we could say "no" to temptation. The enemy will tempt us, and we will sin sometimes, but he cannot steal the believer's salvation because you are hidden in Christ.

## Do I Need to Forgive Others to Receive God's Forgiveness?

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. Matthew 6:14-15 (The Lord's Prayer)

Before Christ died, the blessings of God were based on keeping the Law. "If" (conditional) you didn't forgive others, God would not forgive you. Because God knew no one could keep the Law, He included the sacrificial system to cover sins. The Law was never meant to save anyone. The Law was sent to expose our need for a savior. **Now that we are under grace instead of the Law, we are not commanded to forgive to be forgiven.** Instead, Ephesians 4:32 commands us to "forgive each other, just as God in Christ also has [already] forgiven you." Because we are forgiven, we can access God's power to forgive and love others.

## Accept God's Forgiveness

We have [past tense] redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses. Ephesians 1:7

All your past, present, and future sins are forgiven. That is not permission to sin. **It is an invitation to receive God's forgiveness and enjoy peace WITH God and the peace OF God.** Christ already paid for all your sins, shortcomings, and failings. In fact, Christ paid for your first and last sin before you were born. You do not need to fear rejection or punishment from God. He has already demonstrated how much He loves you. (Romans 5:6-9)

- Having been justified by faith, we [your name] have peace WITH God through Jesus. Romans 5:1
- The peace OF God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard [your name] heart and mind in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7
- Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

Hebrews tells us to draw near to God in our time of need. What is our time of need? When we are tempted by lies or life 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. It is a throne of grace, not judgment.** You (the old man) were already judged in Christ, crucified, buried, and raised up a new and forgiven forever. Now you have peace WITH God to draw near to the Father and enjoy the peace OF God.

## Prayer

*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. Fill my heart with the peace of God. Father, I agree with Your Word that I am made righteous and blameless through new birth. I trust Your abounding grace to destroy every suggestion that I am not forgiven and teach me to say "no" to temptation. 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.