



FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment and the handcuffs of hatred. It is a power that breaks the chains of bitterness and the shackles of selfishness. - Corrie Ten Boom

Sin is the word God uses to describe the things that we choose to do that will harm us and harm those around us. We use it to describe our wrong actions, thoughts and words. Sin caused the brokenness that occurred when the first human couple, Adam and Eve, rejected God's leadership.

Today the word 'sin' is often used to mean a list of "naughty things" we shouldn't do, but to the ancient Hebrews it had a more harrowing meaning: falling tragically short of the life of goodness and peace God intended for humanity.

Salvation is a term that means freedom from sin's penalty, sin's power and sin's presence. The Bible tells us the

penalty of sin is death. This means not only physical death, but also eternal spiritual death, eternal condemnation and separation from God.

Jesus, as God the son, took this penalty when he died in our place on the cross. When we believe and receive Jesus as our Lord and Saviour our sins are forgiven and removed from us forever, never to rise up and accuse and haunt us again. Good news!

However, Christians still sin and will do until the day of our death. When Jesus was teaching on how to pray he said to include asking God to forgive us of our sins. Although Jesus death was a one-time event for all sin, we should come before God on a regular basis and asked the Lord to forgive us of our sins

which God promises to do for all who confess their sin. God's total, unlimited forgiveness is not only continual but totally transforming because it restores us into right relationship with God.

Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Check out if the above statement is true for yourself...

Psalms 103:11-12

Isaiah 38:17

Jeremiah 31:34

Matthew 6:12

John 1:29

James 3:2

Ephesians 2:1-5

Romans 8:1-17
Philippians 2:13
Colossians 1:13-14
Hebrews 9:26-28
1 John 1:8-10

The Bible shows us repentance and faith go together. Repentance is turning away from sin. There can be no genuine turning to Christ in faith without repentance from sin. Repentance includes conviction of sin (which is God's work in us), sorrow for sin, turning away from the sin and not wanting to do it again.

2 Corinthians 7:10
For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.

Check out the above statement is true for yourself...

John 16: 8-13
Acts 20:21
Romans 2:4
2 Corinthians 7:10
2 Peter 3:9

What Jesus said about this.

Matthew 4:17
17 From then on Jesus began to preach, "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near."

Check out more of what Jesus said...

Matthew 6:14
Matthew 18:21-35
Luke 5:31-32
Luke 6:37
Luke 15:4-7
Luke 17:1-4

What God says about repentance.

Acts 3:19
19 Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.

Check out more...

Acts 17:30
Acts 20:21
Romans 2:4
2 Peter 3:9
1 John 1:9

When we ask God He forgives us.

Ephesians 1:7
7 He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

Check out more...

2 Chronicles 7:14
Psalm 86:5
Micah 7:18
Joel 2:13
Acts 13:38-39
1 John 2:2

Check out these Bible stories of forgiveness...

Jacob & Esau Genesis 25, 27, 32, 33
Joseph Genesis 37-50
Prodigal Son Luke 15
Woman caught in adultery John 8

Sin cause ourselves harm and others harm.

Do you see that true in your life?

What is something you need to forgive others for?

What are some things you need to forgive yourself for?

If God says you are TOTALLY forgiven, what does that now allow you to do? Living how God wants us to brings us life and brings others life. What is an example of this in your life?