

# IS THERE REALLY FORGIVENESS?

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Paul's message answers some of the basic questions that we all have:

- **What is forgiveness? What does it look like?**
- **Can / does God forgive any &/ all sins?**
- **Can / does God forgive... every person?**
- **How | where do we find forgiveness?**

What was the Apostle Paul proclaiming?

## 1. There is forgiveness!

There are many ways of **explaining & illustrating** what forgiveness looks like:

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### To cleanse us!

**1 John 1:9** If we confess (ὁμολογῶμεν) our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive (ἀφῆ) us our sins, and to cleanse (καθαρίσῃ) us from all unrighteousness.

### To send sin away!

**Matthew 13:36** Then Jesus sent (ἀφείξ τοὺς ὄχλους) the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

**Mark 4:36** And when they had sent away (ἀφέντες τὸν ὄχλον) the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

**Job 7:21** And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, And take away mine iniquity? For now shall I sleep in the dust; And thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.

### To freely forgive!

**Ephesians 4:32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving (χαριζόμενοι) one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven (ἐχαρίσατο) you.

**Romans 8:32** He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give (χαρίσεται) us all things?

### To cover it!

**Psalms 85:2** Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, Thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.

### To blot it out!

**Isaiah 43:25** I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, And will not remember thy sins.

### To cast it into the depths of the sea++++++!

**Micah 7:18** Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, And passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He retaineth not his anger for ever, Because he delighteth in mercy. **Micah 7:19** He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; He will subdue our iniquities; And thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

### To remove it as far as...!

**Psalms 103:12** As far as the east is from the west, So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

## To cast it behind His back!

**Isaiah 38:17** Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: But thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: **For thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.**

## 2. Forgiveness for all sins!

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## 3. Forgiveness for all who believe!

**Acts 13:38** Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: **Acts 13:39** And by him **all** that believe (**πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων**) are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

## 4. Forgiveness through THIS man...& none other!

**Acts 13:38** Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, **that through this** (**ὅτι διὰ τούτου**) man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: **Acts 13:39** And **by him** (**ἐν τούτῳ**) all that believe are justified from all things, **from which ye could not be justified** by the law of Moses.

**Acts 2:38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission** (**ἄφεσιν ἁμαρτιῶν**) of sins...

**Acts 5:31** Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, **for to give remission** (**ἄφεσιν ἁμαρτιῶν**) of sins.

**Acts 10:43** To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name **whosoever** believeth in him **shall receive remission** (**ἄφεσιν ἁμαρτιῶν**) of sins.

**Acts 4:12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**Romans 5:8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**Isaiah 53:6** **All** we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned every one to his own way; And the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us **all**.

**1 Peter 3:18** For Christ also hath **once suffered** for sins, the just **for** the unjust, **that** he might bring us to God....