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**GOD FORGIVES**  
**SINS?**



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**1 JOHN 1:9**



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SHUT OFF.**

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**A**ll of us have sinned and are in need of forgiveness. Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

The first Adam brought about the problem, and Jesus, the second Adam, solved the problem. Romans 5:19: "For as by one man's [Adam's] disobedience many were

made sinners, so also by one Man's [Jesus' (the second Adam)] obedience many will be made righteous."

#### **NEW TESTAMENT PERSPECTIVES**

2 Corinthians 5:21: "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

#### **FORGIVENESS IS REQUIRED**

Isaiah 55:5-6: "Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, and nations who do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near.”

**NEED OF FORGIVENESS THAT REQUIRES CONFESSION**

Proverbs 28:13: “He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.”

**ONLY GOD CAN PROVIDE FORGIVENESS**

Psalms 32:5 “I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD, and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.”

**CLEANSING IS NEEDED**

1 John 1:9: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”



**WHY DO WE NEED TO BE BORN AGAIN?**

John 3:3: "Jesus answered and said to him, Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."  
Jeremiah 13:23: "Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Then may

you also do good who are accustomed to do evil."  
John 3:6-7: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again."

Our salvation was accomplished more than 2,000 years ago by the final sacrifice of the Messiah. Yet, that salvation becomes a reality to you when you are born again. Then there is a salvation that is waiting for us that has not yet taken place: the final salvation

and our reconciliation with God. That is why we must become part of the heavenly family—spiritual Israel—with Jesus as it's Head. Galatians 3:26-29: "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into

Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

when jesus said father, forgive them, he included all sinners who ever lived

This invitation comes from God and He gives us the power to be His children.  
John 1:12-13: "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the

will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."  
Ezekiel 36:26-27: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk

in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.”

**PROOF OF THE REBIRTH**

2 Corinthians 5:17: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

**FAITH AND THE LAW**

Romans 3:31: “Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly

not! On the contrary, we establish the law.”

Many people are of the opinion that it is impossible to keep the law. Here Paul confirms that the law is an aid to faith. For that very reason it enables me to approach God, because by faith I can achieve the impossible.

**PROOF OF LOVE**

1 John 5:3: “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.” Galatians 2:20: “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

**THE STUDY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

1 Peter 2:2: “As newborn babes, desire the

pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.”

The study of God’s Word is very important, because it equips us for the work to which God calls us. It changes our thinking, so that we can become more like God.

Christian author Ellen White writes: “Our character building will be full of peril while we underrate the importance of the little things. (...) The defects cherished in dealing with life’s minor details pass into more important affairs. [A person] acts on the principles to which he has accustomed himself.

Thus actions repeated form habits, habits form character, and by the character our destiny for time and eternity is decided.”

Is it not encouraging to know that Scripture can change your character for the better? By beholding Him, I become more like Him. In present day behavioral therapy

it is reckoned that, if a person changes his or her behaviour and maintains the change for 21 days, the brain will have formed new paths and a new habit is created.

**FASTING AND PRAYING**

Isaiah 40:31: “But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.” Matthew 4:1-2: “Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.” Matthew 6:18: “So that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”

We see that Jesus started His ministry by fasting and praying. He spent many a night in prayer with His Father. If Jesus, Who was perfect, had such a great need for prayer, how much greater is the need in our case? John Wesley said: “The man that never fasts is no more on the way to heaven than the man that never prays (...)”



**NO MATTER WHAT WE HAVE DONE, JESUS IS WILLING TO FORGIVE A REPENTANT SINNER**

**"I, EVEN I, AM  
HE WHO BLOTS  
OUT YOUR  
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ISAIAH 43:25

**OBEDIENCE**

1 John 1:7: "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

A relationship with Jesus is necessary because He has reconciled us with God, and the work that was started by Jesus will be finished by Him.

Philippians 1:6: "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Hebrews 8:10: "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

Isaiah 51:7: "Listen to Me, you who know righteousness, you people in whose heart is My law: Do not fear the reproach of men, nor be afraid of their insults."

Ezekiel 36:26: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of flesh."

From the very beginning it has always been God's desire to write His law on our hearts. The old covenant failed in this regard, and that is why we need Jesus to help us to observe the law perfectly. Jesus came to show us that it is possible. If I say "I cannot," or "It is impossible," by implication I say that I serve a Jesus for Whom it is not possible, or that He is unwilling to help me. The promise here is very clear: "I will." Jesus is a better Savior than Satan is an accuser. We are in good hands and we can take courage. May we follow the example of Jesus. The greatest victories for the church and even for the individual Christian is not by way of attaining exceptional talents, education, wealth or human achievements. Rather, it is those victories achieved in our closet together with God. "From the secret place of prayer came the power that shook the world in the great reformation. There, with holy calmness, the servants of the Lord set their feet upon the rock of His promises."



## KEY TAKE AWAY



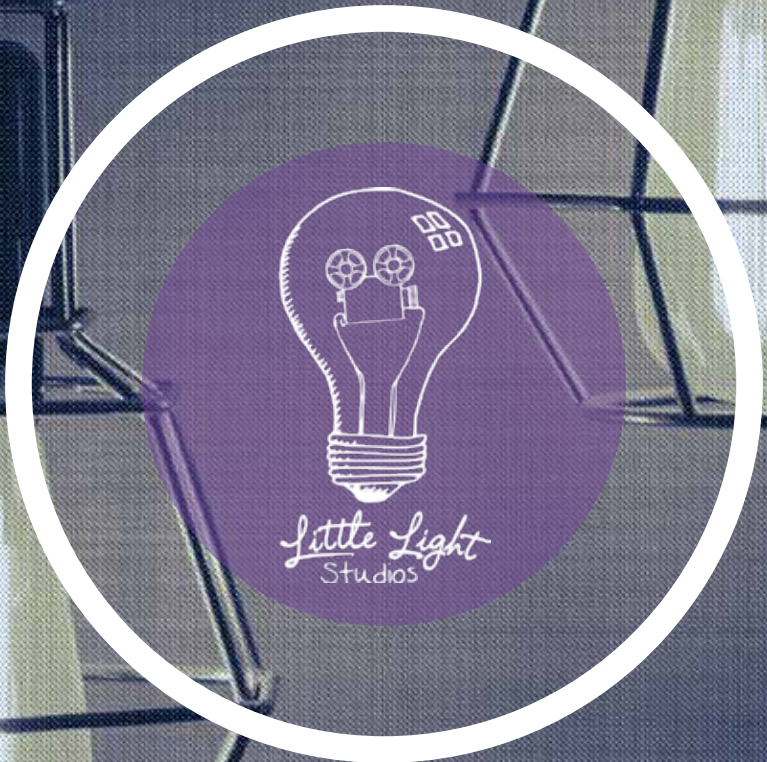
Christ died on the cross and took your place, so that you can be forgiven for your sins.



God is willing to forgive anyone who comes to Him, no matter how great the sin is.



Once forgiven, God helps us grow in Him through His Word and prayer.



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