

ARE OUR SINS REALLY FORGIVEN?

Romans 6:23

Introduction: In past studies we have studied "sin" and what it is and that being "missing the mark" that God has set out for us. We sin every time we do not live up to what we should be in God's eyes. Also we learned that God cannot be around us when we sin, therefore if He had not stepped in to help us with sin, we would never have any fellowship with Him for we are always in some sort of sin. We have also learned that Jesus' death on the cross enabled God to be able to take our sins and place them on His Son, Jesus and thus Jesus paid what God's righteousness demanded from us because of our sins. God tells us that our sins are forgiven when we believe in His Son, Jesus. Most of us worry about things. So the thought comes to us about our sins, "are all my sins really forgiven?" "What if there are some sins left unforgiven?" "How in the world can God take away our sins?" Let's take a look at how we can really be sure that our sins are forgiven.

I. LOOK AT WHAT JESUS CHRIST DID FOR OUR SINS

1. Jesus Christ made atonement for our sins.
- *1 Peter 3:18* *Isaiah 53:6*

2. What has God got to do with this?
 - It was God's plan in the first place, to make a remedy for our sins.
 - It was God who carried out His plan.
 - It was God clearly states in His Bible.
 - God is satisfied with His plan about our sins.

3. If God is satisfied with the blood shed in the place of our own blood, if He is satisfied with that someone else who was qualified to take our place, then who are we to question or be dissatisfied? If God is satisfied, then surely we can be too.
 - Our sins are as black as night, as numerous as the sand on the beach. Not a single speck of sin can enter into the presence of God, so what about our countless sins?
 - The clear and unquestionable authority of the Holy Scriptures tells us that our sins will be forgiven by God.

4. How can we have a peaceful conscience toward/about our sins?
 - *Jeremiah 31:34*
 - We have a living example. Look at Jesus Christ: He bore our sins on the cross, he is right hand of God, the Father. Therefore God has been satisfied. Surely we can have a peaceful mind now?
 - Our sins are blotted out as a thick cloud blots out the sunlight. Our sins are behind God's back forever. All our sins are obliterated, to be remembered by God no more.

5. What else do the scriptures say concerning our sins?
 - *Romans 3:21-26* *Romans 4:23-25* *Hebrews 1:1-4* *Luke 24:46-47* *Acts 3:26*

6. Jesus Christ died in the place of mankind, not just the white people, not just the Americans, not just for the Baptists, but for all mankind of all nations of all colors of all languages.
- Surely our minds can be at ease now concerning the forgiveness of our sins. A simple child-like faith is necessary on our part, just take God at His Word.

II. SINCE JESUS DID SO MUCH FOR US, WHAT CAN WE DO IN RETURN?

Psalm 116:

- *v1: I will love Him...* "We love Him because He first loved us."
- *v2: I will call upon Him...* We could not do this with our fellow man, but we can do this with God.
- *v7: I will rest in Him... (Matthew 11:28-29)* Jesus deserves our confidence and we can show it by our abiding in Him.
- *v9: I will walk with Him...* Let us live each day for Jesus Christ.
- *v10: I will speak for Him...* We can witness every day for Jesus Christ. We have countless changes.
- *v13: I will take from Him...* God has countless blessings waiting to be poured out upon us. Let us drink from the "Cup of Salvation" more deeply.
- *vv17, 18: I will offer to Him... (Hebrews 13:15, 16)* God will be satisfied with anything we have to offer, if it is the best that we have. Let us give Him our time, money, talents.

CONCLUSION:

1. We can never repay Jesus Christ for what He has done for us.
2. We can be thankful that through Jesus Christ our sins are removed from us.
3. We can be thankful that we have eternal life through Jesus Christ and we can give to God the best that we have.
4. We need not worry anymore about our sins for God is in charge of getting rid of them.