

## **FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

*We all need forgiveness of our sins, failures and wrong-doings. Jesus taught that God forgives those who turn to him in true repentance. Here are some passages from the Bible about forgiveness of sins.*

Jesus went to the Temple. All the people gathered round him, and he sat down and began to teach them. The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees brought in a woman who had been caught committing adultery, and they made her stand before them all. “Teacher”, they said to Jesus, ‘this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. In our Law Moses commanded that such a woman must be stoned to death. Now, what do you say?’ They said this to trap Jesus, so that they could accuse him. But he bent over and wrote on the ground with his finger. As they stood there asking him questions, he straightened himself up and said to them, “Whichever one of you has committed no sin may throw the first stone at her”. Then he bent over again and wrote on the ground. When they heard this, they all left, one by one, the older ones first. Jesus was left alone, with the woman still

standing there. He straightened himself and said to her, “Where are they? Is there no one left to condemn you?”

“No one, sir,” she answered.

“Well, then”, Jesus said, “I do not condemn you either. Go, but do not sin again.” *John 8:2-11*

### **All Are Sinners**

**The Scriptures say:**

“There is no one who is righteous, no one who is wise or who worships God. All have turned away from God; they have all gone wrong; no one does what is right, not even one”.

*Romans 3:10-12*

### **All Can Receive Forgiveness**

God puts people right through their faith in Jesus Christ. God does this to all who believe in Christ because there is no difference at all: everyone has sinned and is far away from God’s saving presence. But by the free gift of God’s grace all are put right with him through Christ Jesus, who sets them free. God offered him, so that by his death he should become the means by which people’s sins are forgiven through their faith in him. God did

this in order to demonstrate that he is righteous. In the past he was patient and overlooked people’s sins; but in the present time he deals with their sins, in order to demonstrate his righteousness. In this way God shows that he himself is righteous and that he puts right everyone who believes in Jesus. *Romans 3:22-26*

### **Jesus Took Our Punishment**

For when we were still helpless, Christ died for the wicked at the time that God chose. It is a difficult thing for someone to die for a righteous person. It may even be that someone might dare to die for a good person. But God has shown us how much he loves us – it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us! By his death we are now put right with God; how much more, then, will we be saved by him from God’s anger! We were God’s enemies, but he made us his friends, through the death of his Son. Now that we are God’s friends, how much more will we be saved by Christ’s life! But that is not all; we rejoice because of what God has done through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has now made us God’s friends.

*Romans 5:6-11*

## Jesus Pleads On Our Behalf

I am writing this to you, my children, so that you will not sin; but if anyone does sin, we have someone who pleads with the Father on our behalf – Jesus Christ, the righteous one. And Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but also the sins of everyone.

*1 John 2:1-2*

## Salvation For All Through Faith

If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from death, you will be saved. For it is by our faith that we are put right with God; it is by our confession that we are saved. The scripture says, “Whoever believes in him will not be disappointed.” This includes everyone, because there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles; God is the same Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him. As the scripture says, “Everyone who calls out to the Lord for help will be saved.”

*Romans 10:9-13*

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