



THE BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN

Realize That God Loves You.

“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.” (John 3:16)

The Bible Says That All Men Are Sinners.

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

The Bible Also Says That Sin Must Be Paid For.

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23)

The Good News Is That Jesus Christ Paid for Your Sins.

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

You Must Personally Call on Jesus Christ to Save You.

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13)

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The Extent of God's Forgiveness

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Memory Verse - Romans 3:24

“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

Study Aim

- To understand what it means that we have been justified freely and how that relates to our forgiveness from God.
- To discover how completely forgiven we are and how that forgiveness is not meant to be abused.
- Read Romans 3:24 & 5:1-18

Set the Stage

- What does God's forgiveness cover in our lives?
 - Is it only our past sins? What about when we sin after we are saved?
 - How can I be saved if I am still sinning?
 - Are we no longer saved when we continue to sin? If not, how can that be possible?
 - How can God forgive me when I keep going back to my same sins?
- Paul writes the book of Romans to provide a detailed teaching on what biblical salvation is. He discusses in great detail what happens the moment a person calls on Jesus Christ to save them.
 - He teaches the extent of God's forgiveness in our lives.

Take it to the Next Level**1. God offers Forgiveness Freely to You**

- A. We are forgiven freely by faith.
- B. We are forgiven freely by grace.
 - *“As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.”* Psalm 103:12
- C. We are forgiven freely by the blood of Jesus.
 - Hebrews 9:22, 10:1-14

2. God offers Forgiveness Completely to You

- A. Forgiveness produces peace.
- B. Forgiveness produces access.
- C. Forgiveness must not be abused.
- D. Forgiveness must be realized.

Take Your Next Step

- **In discovering the extent of God’s forgiveness, we must:**
 - 1. Strive to be more like Jesus.
 - The more you become like Jesus, the less you will sin and the less you will need to be forgiven.
 - 2. Stop using God’s forgiveness as an excuse to sin.
 - We cannot abuse the grace of God in our lives.
 - 3. Live in the freedom of God’s forgiveness.
 - Hold your head up and live in victory.

Taking it Further

- Read 1 John 1:8-9. This book is written to believers in Jesus Christ. What are the instructions in this verse when we sin? What is the limit given in this passage on how many times you can be forgiven? What two truths about God in verse 9 are the foundation of our forgiveness?
- Do you struggle with feeling forgiven by God based on your struggles and sin? What can you do to stand where God stands in relation to your forgiveness?