

**Forgiveness Forever**  
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Many people wonder if they can know for sure that all of their sins are forgiven forever in the sight of God? Many struggle with this. However, when we look to the cross and what Jesus Christ has done for us, we can know that all of our sins, our past, present, and future sins that we commit, have already been forgiven by God. The Bible says that Christ died on the cross to grant us total and eternal forgiveness before God's throne. This is God's promise to those who believe on Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:7 declares: "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." Colossians 1:14 is a similar Bible verse which states, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins." The blood of Christ speaks of His great sacrifice on the cross and it's through this expression of grace (God's kindness) that we can find complete forgiveness for all our sins forever. When placing our faith in Christ's death and resurrection as our substitute or replacement, we can claim this wonderful promise of forgiveness forever ("having forgiven you all trespasses" – Colossians 2:13). Have you every claimed this promise?

Hebrews 9:26 says that Christ "appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." It's only through Christ that we can have all of our sins erased forever. And yes, God has a big eraser! Many people seek forgiveness through the church, sacraments, priests, and doing good deeds but the Bible keeps coming back to Jesus and the cross as the **ONLY** way to receive forgiveness forever. Our forgiveness comes straight from Jesus Christ and the provision He made for us on the cross. We need no other channel to find forgiveness. Friend, it's still the cross, it's still Christ's blood, it's still His dying act of love!

Micah 7:19 says, "thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." This is a beautiful way to express the forgiveness God grants to us who place personal faith in God's Son, Jesus Christ. Someone once said: "God has taken our sin and thrown it into a sea of forgetfulness and posted a sign that

says, 'No fishing allowed!'" Psalm 103:12 also adds this: "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." When you travel east you will keep going east, no matter how far you go and when you travel west you will keep moving westward, no matter how far you go. East can never change and west can never change, and as we say, "Never the twain shall meet!" In a similar way, the believer and his sins will never meet again! This is because these sins have been put out of God's sight forever through Jesus Christ which is a miracle of God's love and grace.

Have you ever had all of your sins forgiven? You can know and experience the joy of God's forgiveness which can only come through the death of Jesus Christ. If you place your faith in Christ's death *alone*, He will credit forgiveness to your legal record or account in Heaven, and from this point forward and forever, you can know that all your sins are forgiven (past, present and future sins). Jesus said to a woman long ago, "Thy sins are forgiven" (Luke 7:48) and "thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace" Luke 7:50).

Your expression of faith (belief) in Jesus Christ *alone* brings you the peace and assurance that you possess eternal forgiveness and salvation from hell which is the expression of God's righteous wrath against sinners. So, why not believe on Christ today? Pray to God and express faith in Jesus Christ right now. When doing so, you can claim the wonderful promise of "forgiveness forever."

I recently saw written on a tombstone one simple word. It was the word "forgiven." Our sins need to be forgiven before we enter the next life. This is why we need to express faith in Christ today and have our sins forgiven forever!