

Forgiven

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Receiving a pardon from debt or a blessing after an offense; restoration in a broken relationship; redeem.

Extraordinary Liberation

Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we're a free people. We are now free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. Abundantly free! (Ephesians 1:7 MSG)

Unbelievable Mercy (John 21)

Jesus' Holy Spirit invites us into unconditional forgiveness. Imagine how Peter felt the night that he ran away from Jesus when he was arrested in the garden. He even denied knowing Jesus three times. When the Holy Spirit revealed his betrayal at dawn, Peter still chose to stay away from Jesus. After Jesus rose from the dead, he found Peter and forgave him. You know what else? He gave Peter a mission to teach the Gospel and shepherd God's people. Peter didn't deserve this second chance, but God's love overcame Peter's faults. This kind of forgiveness is mysterious and powerful. We can't forgive others in our own strength, but the Holy Spirit helps us to freely forgive.

Discipleship & Prayer

- Remember a time when someone forgave me.
- Is there anyone in my past/present I need to forgive?
- Holy Spirit, help me to forgive even when it's hard.

Beware Bitterness > Jesus said, “If you forgive men for their sins, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men for their sins, neither will your Father forgive your sins.”
(Matthew 6:14-15 MEV)

Compassionate Christ > When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed Jesus to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified: one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. “He saved others,” they said, “let him save himself if he is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” (Luke 23:33-35 NLT)

Endless Renewal > Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, when my fellow believer sins against me, how many times must I forgive him? Should I forgive him as many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, you must forgive him more than seven times. You must forgive him even if he wrongs you seventy times seven.” (Matthew 18:21-22 NCV)

Freedom Initiation > God treats us much better than we deserve, and because of Christ Jesus, he freely accepts us and sets us free from our sins. God sent Christ to be our sacrifice. Christ offered his life’s blood, so that by faith in him we could come to God. And God did this to show that in the past he was right to be patient and forgive sinners. This also shows that God is right when he accepts people who have faith in Jesus. (Romans 3:24-26 CEV)

Grace Anointing > It's time to stop bringing grief to God's Holy Spirit; you have been sealed with the Spirit, marked as His own for the day of rescue. Banish bitterness, rage and anger, shouting and slander, and any and all malicious thoughts: these are poison. Instead, be kind and compassionate. Graciously forgive one another just as God has forgiven you through the Anointed, our Liberating King.
(Ephesians 4:30-32 VOICE)

Heaven's Virtues > As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.
(Colossians 3:12-14 NIV)

Higher Pathways > Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. The LORD says, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."
(Isaiah 55:6-9 NKJV)

Jesus' Blood > If we live in the light in the same way as God is in the light, we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from every sin. If we claim, "We don't have any sin," we deceive ourselves and the Truth is not in us. But if we

confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from everything we've done wrong. (1 John 1:7-9 CEB)

Martyr's Mercy > Driving Stephen out of the city, they began stoning him, and the witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. They went on stoning Stephen as he was calling out, "Lord Yeshua, receive my spirit!" Then he fell on his knees and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" After he said this, he died. (Acts 7:58-60 TLV)

No More Hiding > I decided to confess my sins to the Lord. I stopped hiding my guilt and told you about my sins. And you forgave them all! Selah. That is why your loyal followers pray to you while there is still time. Then when trouble rises like a flood, it will not reach them. You are a hiding place for me. You protect me from my troubles. You surround me and protect me, so I sing about the way you saved me. Selah. (Psalm 32:5-7 ERV)

Overflowing Generosity > Jesus said, "Forsake the habit of criticizing and judging others, and you will not be criticized and judged in return. Don't condemn others and you will not be condemned. Forgive over and over, and you will be forgiven over and over. Give generously and generous gifts will be given back to you, shaken down to make room for more. Abundant gifts will pour out upon you with such an overflowing measure that it will run over the top! The measurement of your generosity becomes the measurement of your return." (Luke 6:37-38 TPT)

Peacemaker Commissioning > Jesus said to his disciples, “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.” Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven; if you don’t forgive them, they aren’t forgiven.” (John 20:21-23 CEB)

Pure Oneness > The LORD says, “This is the New Way of Worship that I will give to the Jews. When that day comes, I will put My Law into their minds. And I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people. No one will need to teach his neighbor or his brother to know the LORD. All of them will already know Me from the least to the greatest,” says the LORD. “I will forgive their sins. I will remember their sins no more.” (Jeremiah 31:33-34 NLV)

Purify & Sustain > Purify me with herbs, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Turn your face away from my sins and blot out all my guilt. God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. (Psalm 51:7-11 CSB)

Rescued & Reconciled > Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (Romans 5:9-11 ESV)