



CROSSING OVER TO FORGIVENESS

*“Every problem in this world is a
relationship problem.”*



Forgiveness:

to suffer all the consequences of
a person's action,



and release the person from
punishment,



without retaliation,
bitterness, or anger.

**How does God forgive us when we sin against Him?
Let's start from the beginning.**

“In the beginning there was God...”
(Genesis 1:1a)



- **God is life.** He is the creator and sustainer of all life. Apart from God there is no life.
- **God is all-powerful.** He can do all things.
- **God is holy.** He is separate from all things that are not pure, good, and just.
- **God is righteous.** He only does what is right.

**God breathed His Spirit into humanity.
We became a living soul made
in His image.**

(cf. Genesis 1:27, 2:7)

The soul is our life force
in us. It includes the
mind, will, and
emotions.



Spirit

God

Every soul is created in the
image of God. And every soul is
created to live in relationship with
God and one another.

God created humanity spiritually connected to
Him. All true wisdom, knowledge, and life flows
through this connection.

Because God is Life and He is holy,
sin cannot stay in His presence.

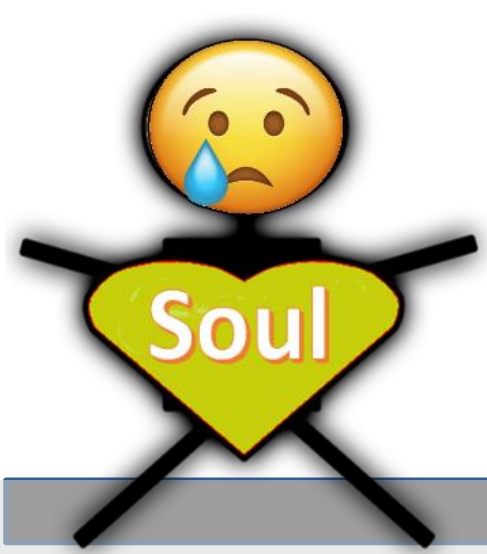
As a result, it is written:

“The wages of sin is death...”
(Romans 6:23)



What is a wage?

A wage is a consequence. It is something you earn after you do something.



***“The wages
of sin...”
(Romans 6:23)***

SIN

1. Not putting God first ;
2. Misusing the name of God;
3. Worshiping idols;
4. Not taking a time of rest in God;
5. Dishonoring parents;
6. Murder, hatred, uncontrolled anger, and unwholesome talk;
7. Adultery, all sexual immorality, lust, and course joking;
8. Stealing and cheating;
9. Testifying falsely and lying;
10. Coveting

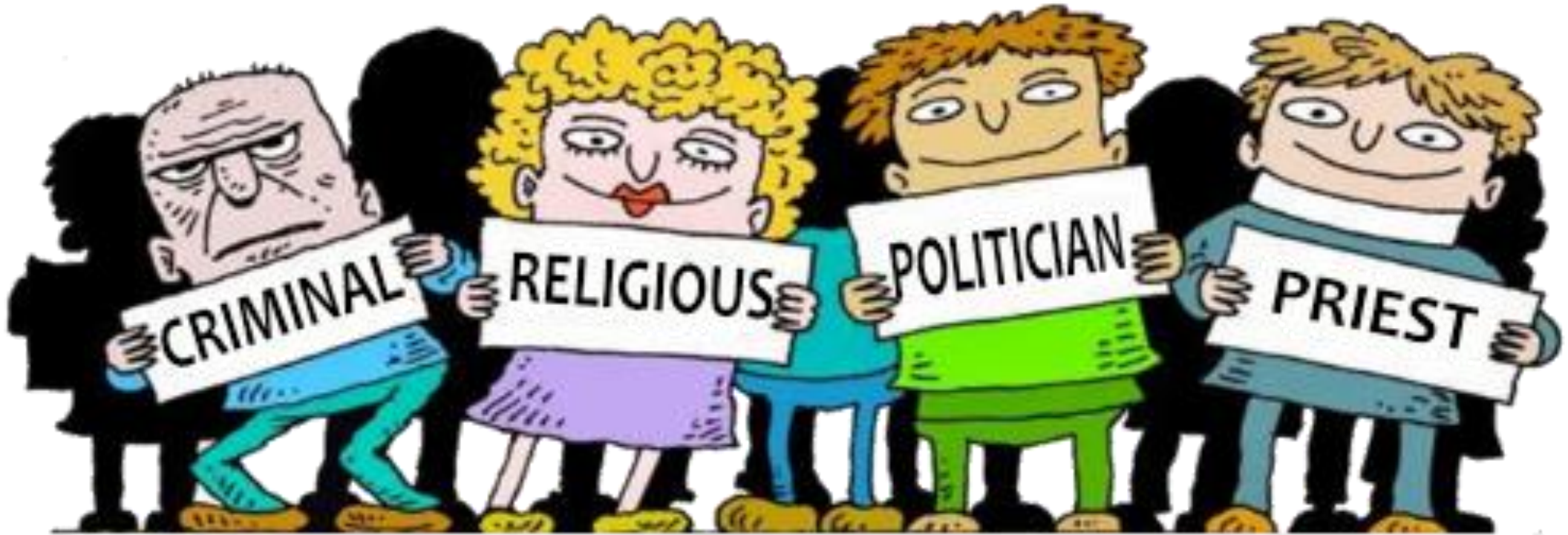


***What is
sin?***

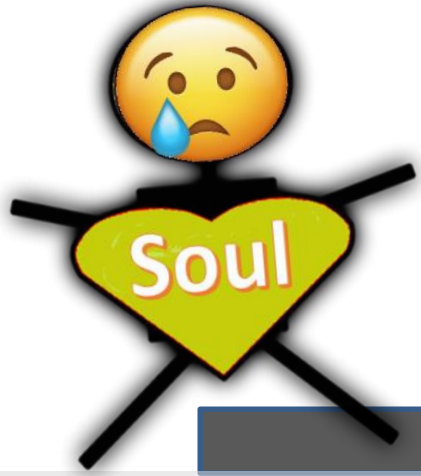
(cf. Exodus 20:1-14;
Matthew 5:21-22, 28;
Galatians 5:19-21;
Ephesians 4:29, 5:1-6;
Hebrew 10:24-25)

“The wages of sin is death...” (Romans 6:23)

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



***“As it is written: ‘None is righteous, no, not one.’”
(Romans 3:10)***



“The wages of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23a)

What is death?

Death is separation from God, the source of life.

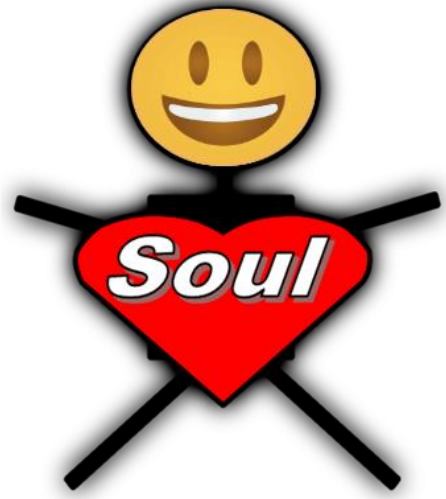
*“It’s your sins that have cut you off from God.”
(Isaiah 59:2)*

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“The soul who sins shall die.” (Ezekiel 18:20)

Death is spiritual separation from God (Isaiah 59:2); then physical separation (Luke 9:60); and lastly eternal separation from God in the lake of fire. (Revelation 21:8)



**"The wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is
eternal life in Christ Jesus
our Lord." (Romans 6:23)**



**What is the "free gift
of God?"**

A free gift is the
opposite of a wage.
We cannot earn it and
we do not deserve it.



The free gift is 100%
unmerited favor--grace!

- It is eternal life.
- It is reconciliation with God.
- It is the forgiveness of sins.

**“The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus
our Lord.” (Romans 6:23b)**

**To forgive us, God came to earth
in the form of man to suffer the
consequence of sin as
preplanned by Him and foretold
by the prophets.**



The angel said, “The child within her [Mary] was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a Son, and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.’ All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord’s message through his prophet: ‘Look! The virgin will conceive a child!’” (Matthew 1:20–23a, NLT; cf. Isaiah 7:14)

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our Lord.” (Romans 6:23b)**

**To forgive us, Jesus went “throughout all the cities
and villages” proving He is one with the Father
through His teachings and ministry. (cf. Matthew 9:35)**

**Jesus taught, “*I and the father are one*
[oneness; same essence; one in purpose
and will].” (John 10:30)**

**Jesus also declared, “*Your sins are
forgiven.*” (Luke 5:20, 7:48)**

Notably, “*Only God can forgive sins.*”

(Luke 5:21, NLT; cf. Isaiah 43:25; John 5:18; Philippians 2:6)



“The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23b)

To forgive us, Jesus continually proved He has the power over sin and all its consequences by “healing every disease and every affliction.” (Matthew 9:35)

“So that you [the unbelieving crowd] may know that I have the authority on earth to forgive sins’ —Jesus said to the paralytic— ‘I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.

He rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God.” (Mark 2:10-12a)



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our Lord.” (Romans 6:23b)**

**To forgive us, Jesus proved that He would suffer the
painful separation (death) that sin causes by
foretelling His death.**

**Jesus proclaimed, “Everything that is
written about the Son of Man [Jesus] by
the prophets will be accomplished.
He will be delivered over to the Gentiles.
They will mock Him, insult Him and spit
on Him; they will flog Him and kill Him.
On the third day He will rise again.”**
(Luke 18:31-33, cf. Matthew 9:35)



“The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23b)

To forgive us, Jesus lived a sinless life making Him the perfect “gift of God” who laid down His life on our behalf. His sacrifice is the means by which believers are made right with God.

“God made Jesus who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)



**“The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus
our Lord.” (Romans 6:23b)**

**To forgive us, Jesus suffered
the consequences for all sin.**

*“But God demonstrates His own
love toward us, in that while we
were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*
(Romans 5:8)

*“The death He died, He died to sin
once for all.”* (Romans 6:10)



**“The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus
our Lord.” (Romans 6:23b)**

**To forgive us, our sinless
Savior took on our sins and
suffered the death we
deserve on the cross.**

*“He Himself bore our sins in His
body on the tree, that we might die
to sin and live to righteousness.
By His wounds you have been
healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)*



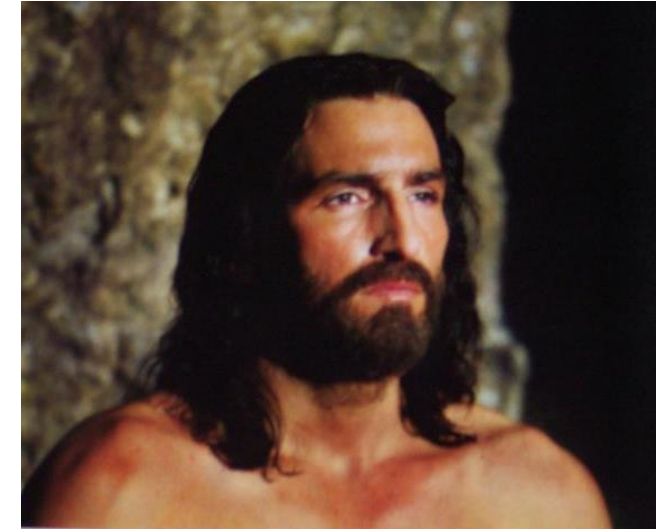
**“The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus
our Lord.” (Romans 6:23b)**

**To prove His forgiveness, Jesus
conquered sin by rising from the dead.**

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures [the prophecies], that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures [approximately 300 prophecies], and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.”

(1 Corinthians 15:3-6)



Forgiveness:

1) To suffer the consequences of a person's actions;

2) release the offender from punishment;

3) without retaliation, bitterness, or anger.

Romans 6:23

➡ “The wages of sin is death” - Forgiveness petitions God's forgiving nature to come to earth and suffer our consequences, our death, for us.

➡ “but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus” - Only the person against whom we have sinned can forgive us. We sinned against God and His law. Jesus is one (same essence) with God the Father. Therefore, forgiveness is “in Jesus” alone.

➡ “our Lord.” - Jesus conquered death! “*He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.*” (Psalm 103:12, NLT) He becomes our Lord, Master, and Savior when we, by grace through faith, turn to Him and away from our sins.

**“The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus
our Lord.” (Romans 6:23b)**

**Jesus, our high priest, is in
heaven praying for us and
calling us to believe!**

*“Jesus is able to save to the uttermost
those who draw near to God through
Him, since He always lives to make
intercession for them.” (Hebrews 7:25)*



- We pray to Jesus, in His name. He is our sinless High Priest. Praying to anyone else, in any other name, is idolatry.

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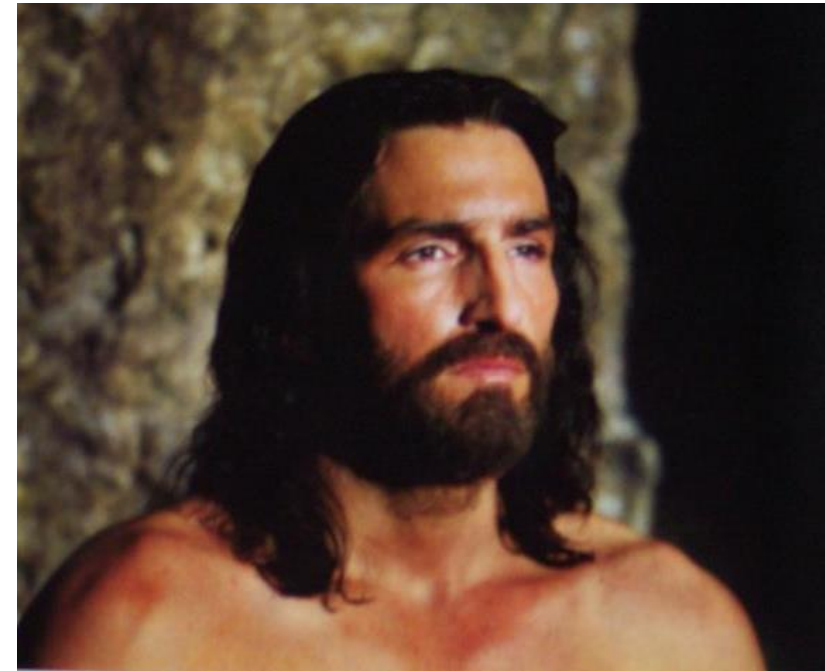
The free gift of God is coming in fullness!

“So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him.” (Hebrews 9:28)

There are approximately 1,845 different biblical references to Christ’s return!

Will you be living by faith?

“I am coming soon, bringing My recompense with Me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (Revelation 22:12–13)



“Jesus suffered the death I deserved!”



King of kings

1. Other gods

Holy Spirit

3. Idols

4. No rest in God

God

CROSSING OVER SIN TO FORGIVENESS

“The wages of sin is death...”

“Your sins have made a separation [death] between you and your God.”
(Isaiah 59:2)

“The second death is in the lake of fire.” (Revelation 21:8)

5. Dishonoring parents

6. Murder, hate

7. Sexual immorality

8. Stealing

9. Lying

10. Coveting

“...but, the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

“Each one of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38, GNT)

THE CROSS OVER TO FORGIVENESS

Admit your sins to God. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. And God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 3:23, 5:8)

Believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead. (Romans 10:9)

Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord. (Romans 10:9-10)

Decide to be baptized into Christ. (Romans 6:1-4) Contact your local church.

KNOW

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (Romans 10:13)

For, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1, 6:10, 6:23)

God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

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