



Dude, Where's My sin?

~ Realities of the putting away of sin by redemption through Jesus ~

Heb 1:3 when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Jesus carried off our sin, by the sacrifice of Himself, once & all: for all peoples & for all of time! When the work of redemption was completed, He returned to Heaven, sent forth the Holy Spirit to continue His ministry in & through Believers, & sat down for the length of the dispensation of grace, which we're participating in now!

Heb 2:17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Jesus went the extra mile to provide us with full, free, & a fantastic redemption! He made atonement for us, putting us into right standing with the Heavenly Father, & Jesus is our mercy seat, the place where God is able to release His mercy into our life! 'Mercy seat' is the New Testament word for 'propitiation', & because of what Jesus did for us at Calvary, God has washed us clean, made us new, & has secured us into eternal oneness with Him!

Rev 1:5-6 To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father,

What a living techno-color presentation of unconditional love: Jesus died for us & washed us free from the nature, condition, & judgment of sin, & placed His honor, majesty, & holiness into us in sin's place! He has presented us to the Father, holy, justified, purified, & glorified with His glory!

Rom 6:2 How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

When Jesus died WITH our sin, we became considered dead TO sin, in the government & economy of God! The Holy Trinity orchestrated our redemption which includes being freed from all transgression & being filled with all righteousness! Even though we're personally & physically able to fall short of the glory of God in the natural realm, They're not willing or able to hold sin to your account, because it has been paid in full & cancelled by Jesus FOR you, & by the Holy Spirit IN you!

Rom 6:11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord,

This is a vital fact of walking out your redemption: you need cleansed from the awareness of sin, & you need awareness of righteousness! Your sin was washed away by the sacrifice of Jesus, & righteousness was washed into & upon you, through the person of the Spirit!

2 Cor 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Jesus, the sinless one, became the carrier, bearer, wearer of our transgressions, iniquities, & rebellions before God: He exchanged His righteousness, holiness, & perfection for our failures, rebellions, & perversities. As He became one with the sin of the world, He fulfilled the requirement of God for the penalty to be paid in full, so that sin could be put away, & right-standing with God could be granted to & given to mankind, & God & man could be one once again & now, forever!

Gal 1:4 who gave Himself for our sins,

He gave Himself, to give Himself to us, & to give us back to the Father!

Eph 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

It was the undeserved favor of God that brought forth redemption, salvation & spiritual adoption for fallen mankind!

Col 1:21-22 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight

We were enemies, now we're His children: we were separated, now we're reconciled: we were unholy, now we're holy, precious, & without fault in His sight!

1 Peter 2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness — by whose stripes you were healed.

The full measure of salvation means more than eternal life! It includes total release from the nature of sinfulness, full impartation of divine life & righteousness, as well as healing & deliverance for the total man—spirit, soul, & body!

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God,

And He got it done quite nicely, too! The Great Exchange changed our destiny!

He brought us in the presence, family, & kingdom of God! We are God's people!

We are His children, His heirs, His ambassadors, His kings & priests!

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

We came into the light of God through redemption & salvation! We are now in the light, & the light is in us by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the blood that Jesus shed two thousand years ago has permanently & completely freed us from sin before God, & it keeps us cleansed when we fall short of righteousness in our daily walk! Our positional righteousness overshadows & overwhelms any conditional unrighteousness that we may be guilty of!

1 John 2:1,2 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

We never have divine permission to walk in sinfulness or rebellion to the will of God!

Because our redemption is based upon the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, whose life-force we're now filled with, there is ALWAYS forgiveness present, & it has ALREADY been processed in your behalf! The entire world population through history has been forgiven, but you must be Born-again to move beyond forgiveness & to be a child of God!

1 John 3:5 And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

Since He took away our sins, we don't have them anymore!! And because there's no sin in Him, & He dwells in us, again, we are sinless before God!

1 John 3:6 Whoever abides in Him does not sin.

The nature of righteousness has set us free from the working of sin & death! This is a positional truth of redemption, even though we don't yet fully comprehend it.

Not understanding it doesn't nullify it as a positional truth, but can affect how much it's a conditional truth to us, in us, & through us!

1 John 3:9 Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

This powerful truth speaks of the nature of fallen man, & the nature of redeemed man! Without eternal life, we were sinners, & sinful by nature! By the gift of righteousness in us now through Jesus, we've been consecrated, separated from the nature of sinfulness & set into the nature of God's holiness & blamelessness!

1 John 5:18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

This truth is repeated two chapters later, as a recurring facet of redemption! You are the holiness of God, you've been delivered from the dominion of satanic forces, & they'll never have authority over you again, not because of your personal condition, but by your spiritual position!!

2 Cor 5:19 God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them,

Once Jesus died, there was no room, right, or reason for God to ever accuse mankind of being sinful in His sight again! When people don't understand this truth, they can get very religious in their Christianity, & do things to try to add to what Jesus did, or to try to curry extra favor with God through marathon repentance sessions, agonizing intercession, begging for blanket forgiveness for a nation, culture, or history! The spiritual truth is, Jesus did EVERYTHING that was needed for all of mankind to be free to come into the presence of God, enjoy His love & favor, & be Born-again. By the way, if Jesus wasn't 'man' enough to restore us to the unbroken favor of God, what can we do to add to it?

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

Hey, it's a done deal! Even John the baptizer had a word from the Lord regarding the mission of Jesus! Since this Lamb carried away the sin of the world about three years after John declared this, then we're 'wrestling with ghosts' when we imagine that we've offended God by what we did or didn't do!

1 Cor 5:7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

Here's the call to holiness, God-style! You're not a sinner, sin doesn't have power over you, isn't accounted to you, because of Jesus! So yield to His Spirit of Holiness that's alive & well inside of you, & walk the walk & talk the talk of Jesus, the ultimate God-man! YOU CAN DO IT!

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