



Totally About Jesus

As the economic world-crisis continues to plunder most people's wallets, more and more people are in debt. It is very unfortunate to be highly in debt, but, most of all, it is more unfortunate to have a debt that you can no longer pay for. For all of those people, hope may seem like a mirage in a desert.

Spiritually, this is the way most believers in Christ perceive their salvation. It is a feeling of debt towards God which produces self-condemnation, and eventually leads the person to walk away for not being able to live up to the standard of “Christianity.”

Yet others try to live up to it and live a Christian life based upon their performance, believing the Lord continues to move in their life proportional to their works because, after all, what they are taught is God is holy and angry at ungodliness; therefore, He has to punish you for your sin.

In essence, this is what most believers in Christ are being taught about their sins: “Christ paid for the sins up to the point where you received salvation. Afterwards, God holds you more accountable for what happens.” Have you ever heard such cheap grace? That is not the gospel. It is actually a message that produces a warped view of Jesus.

Most believers in Christ feel as if God is still judging them for their sin and lack of holiness. They are still carrying debt/sin in their conscience and they feel they still have a debt towards God's righteous claims.

Ephesians 1:7

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace...”

Notice, in Christ, we have forgiveness of sins. It is not the notion that we will one day have it. No, as believers in Christ, we have forgiveness of sins right now. In other words, Christ has paid for, with full measure, all of your sins - past, present, and future.

The greatest evangelist in modern time testified of this truth by saying:

- One of the Bible's greatest truths is that Christ died to take away all our sins – not just part of them, but all of them: past, present, and future. – **Billy Graham**

Let's talk logically for a moment. How many of your sins were future when Christ died on the cross? The answer will set you free. You cannot believe that Christ paid for your sins, but at the same time still believe half of your sins have been left up to you to seek forgiveness for from God as you go. That would mean forgiveness was not according to His riches in glory but according to your pious ability to search for sin in your life.

When you begin to put limits to your forgiveness by saying, “Only our past sins are forgiven, and from here on forward, we have to keep asking for forgiveness of our sins in order to be forgiven,” then you are like the person who continually owes a debt. Keeping a short account of your sins with God is also keeping a short account of forgiveness for those sins because, to you, a debt has to be cancelled daily.

Romans 6:10

“For the death that He died, He died to sin **once for all...**”

Colossians 2:13

“And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh. He has made alive together with Him, having **forgiven you all trespasses.**”

The truth is Christ has paid for all your past, present, and future sins once – all your sins. It is a matter of you honoring God's Word and believe that you don't have to try to qualify yourself for God's forgiveness. You have been eternally redeemed. Redemption is a single act of purchase or recovery by payment or exchange. It was not a Lay-away plan.

Another great man of God said the following:

- This loving Savior died and rose again that you might have forgiveness of all your sins: past, present, and future. – **D. L. Moody**

Don't let anyone tell you that there remains a daily sacrifice, penance, or act of remission from you in order to be in right standing with God. Nothing can be further from the truth. Yes, sin was an issue between us and Holy God but the difference was our Savior nailed to that cross. Now, because of Christ, God is righteous in making the sinner eternally righteous. He didn't make you righteous until your next sin. No, all your sins were properly dealt with when you received Christ as our Savior. Therefore, God is no longer condemning you. God the Father unleashed all wrath and judgment on Christ and with it every debt canceled, every sin forgiven, all the claims of an angry God fully met, divine righteousness and mercy finally harmonized at the cross.

Hebrews 10:18, AMP

“Now where there is absolute remission (forgiveness and cancellation of the penalty) of these [sins and law-breaking], there is **no longer any offering made to atone for sin.**”

The full price has been paid, and you will never be held accountable for your sins ever again between you and God. This doesn't mean you won't suffer consequences for sinful acts in this world between you and people. People will still hold you accountable for your wrongdoings. But as far as God and you are concerned, all sins are paid. And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices to atone for sin, whether an animal sacrifice or your recurring act of confession. Now let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of Christ and His complete work at the cross. At His presence, holdfast to the fact that you have been forgiven of all your sins. Amen.

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