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God forgives believers' sins based on the once for all sacrifice offered by Jesus Christ on the cross. God no longer holds believers' sins against them on account of the atoning death of Jesus Christ.

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### **1 John 1:8-10 ESV**

<sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

<sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

## God's nature and forgiveness

### **Exodus 34:5-7 ESV**

<sup>5</sup> The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup> keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

## God's promise of forgiveness

### **Jeremiah 31:31-34 ESV**

<sup>31</sup> "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup> not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup> For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

# People's need forgiveness

## **Romans 3:9 ESV**

<sup>9</sup> What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin,

## **Romans 3:23 ESV**

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

# The means of forgiveness

## Under the old covenant

### **Hebrews 9:22 ESV**

<sup>22</sup> Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

## Under the new covenant

### **Matthew 26:27–28 ESV**

<sup>27</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

# The assurance of forgiveness

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## **Psalms 130:3–4 ESV**

<sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.

**Isaiah 1:18 ESV**

<sup>18</sup> "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

**James 5:13-16 ESV**

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

**1 John 2:1-2 ESV**

<sup>1</sup> My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup> He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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**"The churches of Christ greet you"**  
Rom. 16:16

Hebrews 4:12

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2 Tim. 2:15, 3:16-17

**HEAR**  
Rom. 10:17

**BELIEVE**  
Jn. 3:16

**REPENT**  
Lk. 13:3

**CONFESS**  
Rom. 10:9

**IMMERSED/ADDED**  
Acts 2:36-47, 22:16  
FORGIVEN/SAVED

**FAITHFUL**  
Rev. 2:10  
Remain Saved  
Till the end  
Phil. 2:12

**"See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be immersed?"**  
Acts 8:36  
"water immersion now saves us by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." 1 Pt. 3:21

**How Jesus commands us to be forgiven of sins and added to His kingdom.**