

# Our Freedom from Sin

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Jesus accomplished the greatest spiritual work that could ever be accomplished when He went to the Cross and suffered for six hours for everyone in the world. By that one act of Atonement, He enabled remarkable results to be a reality in the life of anyone who are willing to believe and exercise faith in that great Atonement Blood. Every sin, sorrow, poverty, oppression, or predicament the devil wants to put on us, was taken away by the shedding of Jesus' Blood.

It seems that Satan's efforts are at an all-time high to oppress people; to destroy faith; and to get them all wrapped up in all types of serious attitudes and destructive addictions, to get their mind filled with habits and desires of this life and away from God and His will and Word.

We constantly need to be reminded of the great work of freedom from such desires and habits of this life, which has been done for us.

This extensive work of Jesus' great Atonement work is beyond human comprehension—especially when we consider how much torment, trouble, sin, sorrow, sadness, depression, and fear there is in the world. By taking our place, and shedding His Blood, all of those dreadful things were taken away. That Atonement was to release the world from sin.

Satan has blinded so many people for so many years, it seems like the entire world lives outside the will of God. Hardly anyone wants to believe Him, or even to trust Him in faith. The huge number of illnesses in the world compels us to understand what Jesus did by shedding His Blood. <sup>1</sup> John 3:8 *“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”* Any hold the devil had, was destroyed by that sacrifice.

All that God has and wants to do for us, is ours for the asking, the believing, and the receiving. We have our Atonement rights to all that He possesses, it is like anything else we own personally. God gave us the gift of His Spirit to control our heart—it is He who inspires faith in us. Our sins are taken care of by God's gift. <sup>Romans 5:15</sup> *“For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many”*—this could forgive millions—if they would only believe it.

We can have the peace Jesus has in Heaven. He told us in <sup>John 14:27</sup>, *“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.”* The world says peace to you in words, but Jesus says “Peace I give unto you” by divine power.

The divine peace that Jesus gives includes anything that would take away our peace—in the home, at work, or anywhere. <sup>Isaiah 53:5</sup> *“He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him.”* Every problem, every crisis, anxiety, or fear, was borne on the cross by the Lamb of God.

Atonement provides God's wealth to believers—all the money we need, and enough to give away. That is our endowment through Atonement—we should claim it. An inheritance is not something we earn, but something we accept—it is a gift. God will teach us how to draw money out of His account.

Gifts are received by believing the word of the giver. Their word must be accepted in faith—apart from seeing. Self is the enemy of faith; self always wants to see it in their hand before they believe it in their heart. However, Jesus can live in our heart only when we believe in His Word. <sup>Ephesians 3:17</sup> *“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith.”*

Our heart is purified by believing a Word—there is no other way. Jesus sent the apostle in <sup>Acts 26:18</sup> *“to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.”*

Preparation for eternal life includes being willing to believe we are forgiven. Spiritual progress cannot be made until we are ready to believe in our heart, that Jesus died on the cross for our sins—that is the starting point for a life of faith. God is just asking us to believe something that is true. Believing or not believing changes nothing—it is still true, and still a fact from the beginning.

Some think you make something true by believing it is true, but God wants us to believe it because it is absolutely true. <sup>1 Peter 2:24</sup> *“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.”*

Whether it is believed upon or not—Jesus still paid the price, and He purchased our freedom from sin, by the shedding of His own Blood. Animal blood temporarily atoned for sin in the Old Testament, so <sup>Hebrews 9:14</sup> *“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”* Jesus paid for every sin committed by everyone—but we have to believe it and act on it, to be free from it.

The man lowered in front of Jesus, did not know that his sin-debt was paid by *“the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world”* <sup>Revelation 13:8</sup>. Jesus said in <sup>Matthew 9:2</sup> *“Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.”* The crowd didn't believe it, but what Jesus said was true. The man, however, was willing to believe whatever Jesus said and before He even said it.

<sup>YLT Isaiah 53:4</sup>, *“Surely our sicknesses He hath borne, And our pains—He hath carried them.”* Also, <sup>Matthew 8:17</sup>, *“That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.”*

No matter how oppressed we are, or how afflicted we feel, Jesus paid for our healing. We have freedom from sickness and are delivered from weakness—everything from a minor pain to a serious attack of the devil—by that Atonement work on the cross.

Jesus told the man he was free and forgiven—something true from Creation. AV Matthew 9:6 *“Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.”* The man believed the words, accepted the grace, and acted in faith on the words. That freedom from sin was always true; John 8:58, Jesus said, *“Before Abraham was, I AM.”*

The man accepted that gift through the Word, and he believed in his heart what he heard—that he was free, delivered, strengthened, and healed, SO Matthew 9:7 *“he arose, and departed to his house.”* Every illness is removed by the Blood of the Lamb. God said NIV Hebrews 4:3, *“His work has been finished since the creation of the world.”* We, however, are required to believe and act on what is written.

If we confess and forsake our sins, God forgives and cleans our heart 1 John 1:9. We have to admit what our spiritual condition is, so God can forgive any sin. God the Father accepted the price for the healing of our body—the shed Blood of His Son. That sacrifice of Atonement paid for our freedom, gave us His righteousness, pardon from guilt, and a living hope of Heaven.

God “is faithful and just” 1 John 1:9, so if He did not forgive our sins, when we confess them to Him, He would be unfaithful to His promise—which is not possible. His shed Blood removes our sins and pays for our liberty. We are free—Romans 6:11 *“dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

It is a freedom by faith in God—as free from sin as Adam was before he fell. 2 Corinthians 5:17, *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away.”* The old unbelief is gone—along with all the troubles, afflictions, and difficulties that came from Adam’s sin. *“Behold, all things are become new”*—new health; new financial blessings; and new everything else. 2 Corinthians 5:18, *“All things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ.”*

God promises in James 1:17, *“Every good gift and every perfect gift;”* at no cost; just believing in faith on the Atonement of His Son. All of this is true,

even though Satan says, “not so.” We are to see things as God says they are in His Word. Mark 11:24 *“What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”*

Before God created the world, the sacrifice of Atonement was already in place. Israel’s entire history is about God teaching His people on the seriousness of sin, and of His plan for Atonement. All those animal sacrifices over many centuries, show the seriousness of sin, and the price for Atonement.

Satan will oppose every stand of faith on the promises of God. The devil will use any deception possible to try to persuade us that God’s Word is not true; that we are not free from sin; that we are not righteous; and that we will not receive the answer by faith.

Our stand of faith must be definite—no matter how the devil tries to discourage us, or how he tries to convince us that there is no change. No matter what he may try to picture, we are going to believe the Word that says it is true. It is a decision unto death—to believe God’s Word and act in faith.

Every fear, doubt, and discouraging thought is from the devil—so we must discard them. The devil of no truth is telling us one thing—and the God of all Truth is telling us the opposite. Our decision is to always believe God’s Word of truth, no matter what lie is presented by the devil.

The devil confronts us directly; like he did with Eve—“It is not true; you are not delivered, and you do not feel any different, nor see any change.” Satan will attempt to defeat us in one way or another; and since it is a spiritual battle, he enters through our thoughts—suggesting to our mind that it is our own reasoning—we have to be on guard.

All doubt is directly from the devil, and only if we accept his lie as true, and then act on the lie, can our prayers be hindered. We are to believe—not to force God to give us His gifts, but we are to know God wants us to have them. To receive God’s gifts, we must believe God’s Word.

This afternoon as we are gathered together here to be reminded of that great work that has been done

for us at Calvary. We are doing this as Jesus has instructed us, He said to do this in remembrance of Him.

Before eating of the Bread or partaking of the Cup, we ask God to reveal any wrong attitudes in our heart; and that He check the sincerity of our confession. Any willful sin, unforgiving spirit, or rebellious attitude in our heart, must be dealt with by confessing, repenting, and forsaking those wrong ways.

His Spirit inspires faith in us to confess, repent, and forsake sins. We want to partake of the Elements in a worthy manner. We are told in 2 Corinthians 13:5 to *“Test yourselves to discover whether you are true believers: put your own selves under examination. Or do you not know that Jesus Christ is within you, unless you are insincere?”*



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