

5. **Everyone needs Jesus:** Since our wrongs have CLOSED the way to heaven, we all need Jesus who OPENED the way to heaven. So how do we get Jesus and the benefits of His work? Peter gave this answer:

“Repent [be sorry and believe in Jesus] and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins...” (Acts 2:38 ESV).

On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was at work through Peter’s preaching of God’s word to make many people aware of their sins and sorry for their sins.

- **Then** the Holy Spirit gave them the gift of faith to trust in Jesus for eternal life!
- **Then, through baptism,** the Holy Spirit gave them God’s gift of forgiveness!

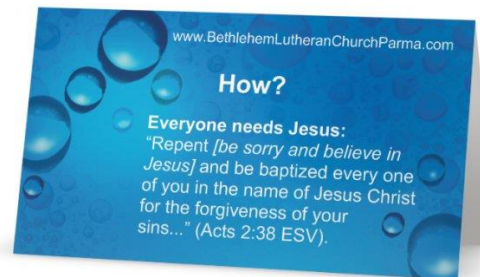
For unbelievers, the Holy Spirit wants to do that same work today through the Bible!

Even for us, the Holy Spirit is at work through God’s word to:

- Keep us aware of our sins.
- Keep us sorry for our sins.
- Keep us trusting in Jesus.
- Keep us sure of God’s forgiveness through Jesus!

Conclusion

Let us pray: Dear Father in heaven, knowing HOW we have forgiveness through Jesus, ➡let us be thankful and ➡let us use this brochure or the related business card to share the good news of forgiveness through Jesus with others!



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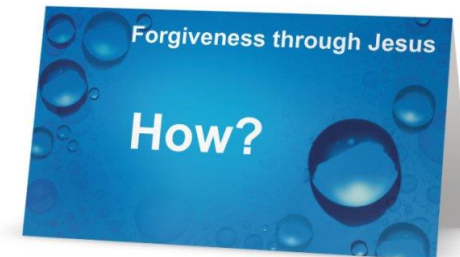
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Forgiveness through Jesus



HOW?

Introduction

Dear Friend: Can we agree on the following?

- The Bible is God’s word!
- Jesus is God’s Son!
- All have done wrong!
- All need God’s forgiveness!

Many people know and believe such things, but how can a Jewish man who lived and died 2,000 years ago provide us with forgiveness? This brochure will answer that question and more. *Blessings on your reading!*

The Sad Reality of Our Sins

We have all committed them:

1. “There is none righteous, not even one...” (Romans 3:10 NAS).
2. “...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...” (Romans 3:23 ESV).
3. “...whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one *point*, he has become guilty of all” (James 2:10 NAS).

What Our Sins Deserve

We have earned severe punishment:

1. “...the LORD will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished” (Nahum 1:3 NAS).
2. “...those who commit lawlessness [*that is, what is contrary to the law*]... will [be] cast... into the furnace of fire...” (Matthew 13:41-42 NAS).
3. “[unbelievers] will be punished with everlasting destruction” (2 Thessalonians 1:9 NIV).

For more passages on the bad news of what our sins deserved and the good news of God’s forgiveness through Jesus, see this brochure: Bad News, Good News

How Did Jesus Take Away Our Sins?

The verses in this section are also available on a business-size card – *for easy sharing with others!*

1. **Jesus is the Son of God:** By *God’s* revelation, Peter made this famous statement about Jesus:

“**You are the Christ** [*the Promised Savior*], **the Son of the living God**” (Matthew 16:16 ESV).

If Jesus was only a man, it would be impossible for His life and His death to take away our sins; therefore, He must be – **AND IN FACT HE IS** – the very Son of God!

2. **Jesus lived without sin in our place:** God requires sinless perfection, *but we all have a HUGE problem: WE HAVE SINNED AND WE CANNOT COMPLETELY STOP SINNING*; therefore, God the Son had to take our place and live His whole life **without** †disobedience, †fault, †iniquity, †lawlessness, †rebellion, †transgression, †trespass, †unbelief, and †wickedness! **And Jesus actually did it!** Then, *so that we would know that for sure*, the Bible says:

“**...in every respect [Jesus was] tempted as we are, yet without sin**” (Hebrews 4:15 ESV).

Jesus is OUR SINLESS SUBSTITUTE!

3. **Jesus received our sins:** Since we have all done wrong countless times, *someone must PAY THE PENALTY* – either us or Jesus! Therefore, *out of His great love*, the Bible says:

“**...the LORD** [*God the Father*] **has laid on him** [*God the Son*] **the iniquity** [*sins, wrongdoings*] **of us all**” (Isaiah 53:6 ESV).

Imagine two people – *one innocent and one guilty*; then, *when the guilty one is being arrested*, the innocent one says, “**I did it, arrest me, I deserve the punishment!**” That is what Jesus did for us, *He willingly took responsibility for our sins!*

4. **Jesus received our punishment:** First, God the Father put our sins on Jesus; then, second, Jesus endured our horrible punishment! The Bible describes Jesus suffering in our place with these words:

“**He is the propitiation for our sins** [*that means Jesus received God’s wrath for our sins*], **and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world**” (1 John 2:2 ESV).

We committed the crime, but JESUS DID THE TIME, *He endured much excruciating pain for us!*