

GOD ALWAYS FREELY FORGIVES SIN WITHOUT EXACTING PAYMENT

God is able to freely forgive sin without exacting a payment for sin. God requires us to freely forgive without exacting a payment. God tells us to forgive as He has forgiven.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as in Christ God forgave you.

God does not act in retribution toward sinners. Our unchanging God does not need to punish anyone. God did not punish Jesus, and Jesus was not punished in our place to satisfy justice. Justice is satisfied by making the believer a new creation totally sinless and totally righteous in his glorified final condition. Jesus was not being punished at the cross. Sinless Jesus was the sacrifice for sin so that He, the Second Adam, would have the right to remove all sin and death from creation. Romans 8:1-4

God judges the unbeliever. The unbeliever is tormented eternally by his own choice of eternal separation from God. God does not torture. God judges. In judgment, God will send the unbeliever away from Him for eternity.

Matthew 25:46a The unrighteous will go away into everlasting torment.

Forgiveness is not the goal of the gospel. The goal of the gospel is that you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and have the enjoyment of knowing God.

Judicial forgiveness happens due to being born into this new and personal relationship with Jesus. Judicial forgiveness is received at salvation for all our sin, past, present and future. It is freely given to all those born in Christ.

God's forgiveness has always been freely given. Provisional forgiveness has always been given freely to the whole world of humanity. God provides all sinner's opportunity to cooperate with the Spirit.

When Jesus said from the cross, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do", this was provisional forgiveness. God provisionally reconciled the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. Through freely given provisional forgiveness, God encourages lost individuals to come to His mercy and grace in Christ through cooperation with the Spirit. 2 Cor. 5:19

1 John 1:9 Parental forgiveness has always been given freely to believers who confess their sin and seek God's righteousness in their life.

In cooperation with the Holy Spirit, believers allow God our heavenly Father to work sin out of our lives and work righteousness into our lives. This is the essence of parental forgiveness and true confession.

Parental forgiveness of God to the believer has nothing to do with God excusing our sin, covering up our sin, or passing over our sin. Parental forgiveness is all about God changing our behavior so that we may experience fellowship with God. If forgiveness of a debt does not remove the person from

bondage, there is no merit to that kind of forgiveness. God's parental forgiveness removes the sin from the believer through the cleansing of the mind. Romans 12:1,2