IF JESUS PAID OUR SIN DEBT, THEN GOD DOES NOT FREELY FORGIVE OUR SIN

The Bible teaches that God freely forgives our sin upon the condition of our repentance and faith. If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. The Bible never says that Jesus paid our sin debt. The Bible never says that Jesus paid for your sins. The Bible says that Jesus died a sinless death so that He would have the legal right to remove sin from all creation including the removal of sin from all those who repent and have faith in Jesus. Gaining the legal right to remove sin has nothing to do with paying our debt to sin. Jesus paid the price to free us from sin, not to pay God off so He could forgive us. The sinless death of Christ condemned sin to its execution. Jesus arose with all authority to remove sin from creation and thus remove death from creation. The plan for sin removal is in process and ends with judgment and new creation. God the Father and Jesus the Son are united perfectly in their goal of bringing freedom to those in bondage to sin. God is not holding people captive so that Jesus must pay God's price to release us. Jesus is not saving us from God. Jesus paid the great price with His own blood to secure our freedom from bondage to sin, not bondage to the justice of God. God is just in bringing many to righteousness because Christ's death sets believers free from their bondage to sin. Sin is condemned in the courtroom of heaven and Jesus is declared worthy to open the book of judgment and break the seals which ultimately removes sin from all creation.

"You (Jesus) are worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for you were slain, and you have redeemed us to God by your blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."

Rev. 5:9

The redeemed are the freely forgiven of sin conditioned upon their repentance and faith in Jesus. By faith we have received the reconciliation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:11

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: The old life is gone; a new life has begun. 2 Cor. 5:17

God sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so He condemned sin in the flesh declaring an end to sin's control over us. Romans 8:3

"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29

If Jesus paid our sin debt, then God does not freely forgive sin but must be paid off so that He can forgive our sin. But God does freely forgive sin without payment. Romans 3:24; 5:18

If Jesus paid our sin debt, then God must be changing something within Himself so that He can look upon us with mercy, grace, and love. But God never changes and God is love already. Rom. 5:8

If Jesus paid our sin debt, then there is no condition upon us for receiving eternal life. <u>But there is a condition upon ourselves for receiving eternal life.</u> We must repent, cooperate with the Spirit, and <u>believe in Jesus for our sin removal and replacement with righteousness.</u> Romans 3:26; 4:24

If Jesus paid our sin debt then God must have killed His Son so that He would get over His anger toward us and be free to save us from our sin. <u>But God is not angry at us, He is angry about our bondage to sin.</u> God's goal is to take away our sin and release us from its oppression. <u>John 1:29</u>

If Jesus paid our sin debt, then God must need to punish someone in our place so that justice will be served and so that payment for sin will be made. But God does not need to be changed and God does not need to punish so that justice is satisfied. Instead, God changes us making us sinless, blameless, and righteous. Justice is satisfied by changing the cooperating, repenting, and believing sinner. Justice is served by changing man and not by changing God. Man needs to be reconciled to God, but God does not need to be reconciled to man. Ephesians 1:4

If Jesus paid our sin debt, there is no necessity for repentance after we are saved. <u>But we are told to be repenters for life. 1 John 1:9</u>

The price Jesus paid on the cross was for sin's complete condemnation and so that the Man Jesus would have the right to remove sin from all creation. Heaven's court has declared Jesus worthy to open the book and break the seals to deliver all creation from sin and death. Jesus has the right, the power, the authority, and the willingness to make us new creations, take our sin away, and make us fit for heaven. The condition upon us is cooperation, repentance, and belief in Jesus for making us new creations. Romans 8:3 Revelation 5:9 Romans 10:9,13

It is a false Jesus who pays the sin debt, and changes God so that He can forgive us.

People hold on to their preferred sin thinking that the false Jesus has paid their sin debt. They think there is no consequence for their sin because the false Jesus paid for it. But there's always consequences for sin in this life and life eternal. Even the redeemed can lose their reward because of sin in this life.

FALSE TEACHINGS ABOUT THE CROSS

We are guilty of sin against God and God needs to be appeased of His wrath against sin.

God never needs to be appeased of His wrath against sin. God never changes.

If God just forgives sin, He is not a just God.

Jesus forgave sin and God the Father freely forgives sin without any payment or punishment.

If God left sin unpunished, then He would be compromising His perfect justice that demanded payment for sin.

Perfect justice does not demand payment for sin. Justice demands that eternal life be given only to the sinless and the righteous person. Jesus gained the right to make us sinless and righteous.

The wrath, fury, and hatred of God was cast upon Jesus because God saw Jesus become sin in our place. Jesus did not become sin, He became the offering for sin removal. God did not pour out hatred upon His Son. God was not punishing Jesus so that He could save us.

Jesus took the cup of God's wrath and drank it to the last drop and His death satisfied God's wrath against us. We needed Jesus to save us from God.

We needed Jesus to save us from sin, not from God.

God's forgiveness of sin is a threat to His Holy character, so God can't just freely forgive us. If God just forgives sin, He is not a just God. Freely forgiving sin maintains God's Holy character. God is just and does forgive sin freely without payment or punishment.

God killed Jesus in our place and paid our debt to sin. At the cross we see God's wrath and love come together. God allowed sin to kill Jesus so that the wrath of God would come against sin and sin would be condemned to removal from all creation.

False statements about the cross cannot be supported by Scripture except that Scripture be misinterpreted.

The correct interpretation of the cross is that the sinless death of Jesus condemned sin to removal from all creation. Jesus arose with all authority, power, right, and willingness to take away our sin if we repent, cooperate with Spirit conviction, and believe in Jesus for making us righteous new creations.