

THE PURPOSE FOR THE DEATH OF JESUS

Jesus did not die on the cross to enable God to forgive us our sins. God has always freely forgiven men their sins and trespasses. God has unconditionally extended forgiveness to all men, that is, God has let go of the wrongs we have done against Him (2 Corinthians 5:19). God (proved) demonstrated His love toward us in that while we were sinners Christ died for us. Has God forgiven you? Yes, God has unconditionally extended His provisional forgiveness (charizomai) to all men.

Jesus forgave sin before the cross (Matthew 9:2-6). The key purpose for the death of Jesus on the cross was to take away the sin of the world. A New Man was needed to reverse what Adam did to creation when he sinned. When a cooperating sinner responds to the conviction of the Holy Spirit and allows himself to be brought to saving faith in Jesus, then the sinner is made a new creation in Christ, born again to eternal life, and promised sin removal as one of the completed works of God. Sanctification is the process and glorification is the completion for sin removal. The death of Jesus was not to enable unconditional forgiveness from God, but to bring release from our bondage and take away our sin by making us new creations in Christ. “Forgiveness of sin for the believer” means that Jesus is in the process of releasing us from sin’s bondage, taking away the believer’s sin as we cooperate, with His promise to complete the work. 1 Peter 1:13-21 Philippians 1:6

(Matthew 26:28) “this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins”. Forgiveness (aphesis: release or send away) of sin means the taking away of the believer’s sin through our cooperation and fellowship with God. The speed by which this release occurs is conditioned on our cooperation. The first step of our cooperation is to agree with God about our sin, (confess our sin). 1 John 1:9

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.

Sin has consequences: suffering, sorrow, and death. God has no needs in Himself. 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 John 1:29

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. 5:19,20

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 Sanctification is a process. Be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. As a born again believer, we must cooperate with God to experience this release from sin's bondage and then experience good fellowship with God.