

Here's what Jesus made available to you:

- Righteousness
- Healing
- Acceptance
- Life
- Blessing



Exchange #6

Jesus was **punished** so that we could be **forgiven**



What can release the world from the devastation of evil?

Isaiah 53:6

"All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him."

- Sheep are not dumb.
- Sheep without a herd & shepherd are in danger.
- Sheep are stubborn and extremely emotional.

Barnes Notes on the Bible

We had all gone in the path which we chose. We were like sheep which have no shepherd, and which wander where they please, with no one to collect, defend, or guide them. One would wander in one direction, and another in another; and, of course, solitary and unprotected. they would be exposed to the more danger. So it was, and is, with man. The bond which should have united him to the Great Shepherd, the Creator, has been broken...

Barnes Notes on the Bible

We have become lonely wanderers, where each one pursues his own interest, forms his own plans, and seeks to gratify his own pleasures, regardless of the interest of the whole. If we had not sinned, there would have been a common bond to unite us to God, and to each other. But now we, as a race, have become dissocial, selfish, following our own pleasures, and each one living to gratify his own passions.

"Avon" - The punishment of our iniquity

- **Isaiah 53:6** "All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the <u>iniquity</u> [avon] of us all to fall on Him."
- Genesis 4:13 Cain said to the LORD, "My <u>punishment</u> [avon] is too great to bear!
- Lamentations 4:22 The punishment of your iniquity [avon] has been completed, O daughter of Zion; He will exile you no longer. But He will punish your iniquity, O daughter of Edom; He will expose your sins!

The anxiety you fear because of evil... both the evil you have done, and the evil others have done... has been paid for by Jesus on the cross!



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Why is forgiveness important?

- After freeing Israel from captivity, God established a blood covenant with His people.
- Exodus 23:22 "But if you will do everything I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and a foe to your foes."
- Cycle: Freedom in obedience / captivity in disobedience.

Why is forgiveness important?

- There is a penalty for sin:
 - Ezekiel 18:20a "The person who sins will die."
 - Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death..."
- God loves us, but He will not make peace with our sin.
- As long as our sin is not forgiven, we cannot be at peace with God.

Isaiah 53:5

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed."

Matthew Henry's Commentary

It was for our sins, and in our stead, that our Lord Jesus suffered... We are saved from the ruin, to which by sin we become liable, by laying our sins on Christ. This atonement was to be made for our sins. And this is the only way of salvation. Our sins were the thorns in Christ's head, the nails in his hands and feet, the spear in his side. He was delivered to death for our offenses. By his sufferings he purchased for us the Spirit and grace of God.

What does forgiveness mean?

- Apheimi [ἀφίημι]: "to let go, release, permit to depart"
- Matthew 26:28 "for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness [aphiēmi] of sins."
- 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive [aphiēmi] us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

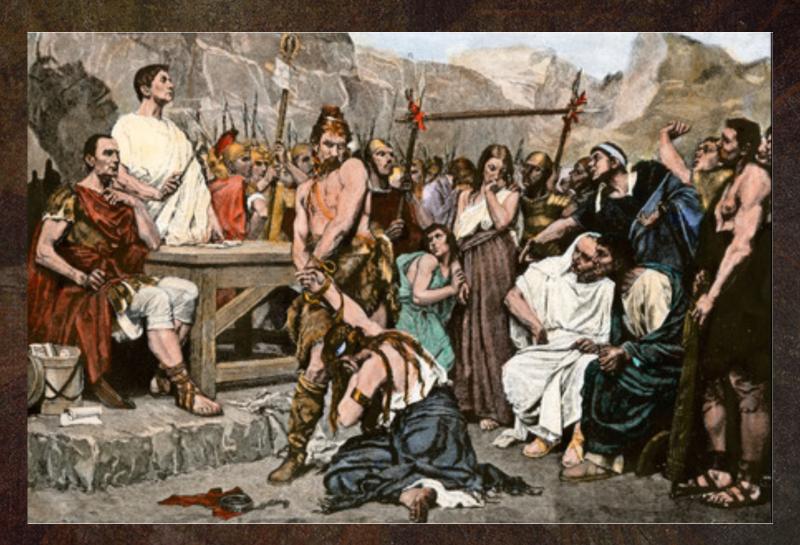
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• Luke 4:18 - "The Spirit of the Lord is on me..."He has sent me to proclaim release [aphiēmi] to the captives."

Why do we need forgiveness?

Romans 7:14

"For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin."



Colossians 1:19-22

For it was the Father's good pleasure... through Him [Jesus] to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And although you were previously alienated and hostile in attitude, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His body of flesh through death to present you holy, unblemished, and blameless in His presence.

