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standing there, **'Take off his filthy clothes.'** And turning to Jeshua he said, **'See, I have taken away your sins,** and now I am giving you these fine new clothes.' **5** Then I said, 'They should also place a clean turban on his head.' So they put a clean priestly turban on his head and dressed him in new clothes while the angel of the LORD stood by.

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Receiving God's Forgiveness

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**To Receive God's
Forgiveness You Must
Understand How Desperate
Your Situation Is**

Isaiah 64:6–7 (NLT) — “**We are all** infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind. **7** Yet no one calls on your name or pleads with you for mercy. **Therefore, you have turned away from us and turned us over to our sins.**”

**We Will Never Reach Out to
God for Forgiveness Until
We Realize How Awful Our
Sin Is In His Sight**

Psalm 51:1–5 (NLT) — “Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, **blot out the stain of my sins.** **2** Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. **3** For **I recognize my rebellion**; it haunts me day and night. **4** **Against you, and you alone, have I sinned**; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. **5** **For I was born a sinner**— yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.”

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Sin Has It's Consequences

Nahum 1:3 (NLT) — “The LORD is slow to get angry, but his power is great, and **he never lets the guilty go unpunished**. He displays his power in the whirlwind and the storm. The billowing clouds are the dust beneath his feet.”

Galatians 6:7 (NLT) — “Don’t be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant.”

Galatians 6:7 (NKJV) — “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”

Ephesians 2:1 (NLT) — “Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins.”

Ephesians 2:12 (NLT) — “In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope.”

**God is Perfect, Holy,
Flawless, and Thoroughly
Righteous**

Ephesians 2:3 (NLT) — “All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. **By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger (wrath)**, just like everyone else.”

Romans 1:18 (NLT) — “But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness.”

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God is Not a Reluctant Savior

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Romans 5:10–11 (NLT) — “For since our friendship with God was **restored by the death of his Son** while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. **11** So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.”

**God is Holy and Just...
He Cannot Look the Other
Way When It Comes to Sin**



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Christ, Our Substitute

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT) — “For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.”

Isaiah 53:4–6 (NLT) — “Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! **5 But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.** **6** All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.”

Romans 3:25 (NLT) — “For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. **People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.** This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past”

1 John 2:2 (NLT) — “**He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins**—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.”

1 John 4:10 (NLT) — “This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.”

Leviticus 17:11 (NLT) — “for **the life of the body is in its blood**. I have given you the blood on the altar to purify you, making you right with the LORD. **It is the blood, given in exchange for a life, that makes purification possible.**”

Hebrews 9:22 (NLT) — “In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly **everything was purified with blood**. For **without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.**”

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**My Sin is Gone.
My Guilt is Gone.
No More Condemnation.
No More Shame.**

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**Stop Trying to EARN
God's Favor.**

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