

Forgiveness of Sins

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A. Introduction

God is always ready and willing to forgive us no matter what our sins might be. For this to happen one must repent and change in the manner that you go forward from that moment on in no longer sinning. We are to follow and obey God's directives or commands to us. Note that God's commands were given to man as **being forever**. Recognize that **repenting is not a one time event**, it is an active way of walking forward. We are not to allow the desires of the body or the flesh to direct us in how we go forward, rather we are to walk forward with control from the mind directing us in following God's commands. Sounds simple, but it is not since we have formed bad and unacceptable habits in our life up to the time one repents and must now get rid of those previous bad habits and go forward forming new and acceptable habits, and this takes time. In other words we must now become a new and different person. There are a number of things that one must understand to go down this new path, these will be covered in the following sections.

Know that the saying "once saved, always saved" is false. We are not saved unless at the time you die and leave this world, one was actively walking forward in repentance and walking as God demands.

B. Repentance

Yeshua (Jesus) tells people to repent and get ready for the coming kingdom of God on earth.

[Mar 1:14](#) Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

[Mar 1:15](#) And saying, **The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.**

Yeshua came to earth at an appropriate time as established by God, it was at a time that was fulfilled in prediction of His coming, a time to inform the world to walk properly in preparation to the Government of God coming down to the world. The kingdom of God coming to earth occurs at the start of the Millennium, right after the Tribulation and Yeshua's second coming. This is the time period where the entire world follows all of God's commands, a time when going your own way is no longer an option. A time when all the world is in peace and no further wars. Animals are changed and now have a docile nature. Yeshua and the Saints rule the world with a rod of iron to ensure that God's commands are followed by all.

There is only one way a person is saved and that is through accepting Yeshua as your saviour. The scriptures below make this clear.

Act 4:10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Act 4:11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

Act 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for **there is none other name** under heaven given among men, **whereby we must be saved**.

Act 13:38 Be it known unto you therefore, men *and* brethren, that through **this man is preached** unto you **the forgiveness of sins**:

Act 26:18 To open their eyes, *and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God*, that they may **receive forgiveness of sins**, and inheritance among them which are **sanctified by faith that is in me**.

Eph 1:7 In whom **we have redemption through his blood**, the **forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of **his grace**;

Col 1:14 In whom we have **redemption through his blood**, *even* the **forgiveness of sins**:

1Jn 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all.

1Jn 1:6 If we say that we have **fellowship with him**, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin**.

1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jn 1:9 If we **confess our sins**, he is faithful and just to **forgive us our sins**, and to **cleanse us from all unrighteousness**.

1Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Php 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

Php 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Php 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Php 2:9 Wherefore **God also hath highly exalted him**, and given him a name which is above every name:

Php 2:10 That at **the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

Php 2:11 And *that* **every tongue should confess** that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

There are many scriptures as given above that tell us that the only way of being saved is through accepting Yeshua as our saviour. It was Yeshua's blood and dying for our sins that makes us acceptable to God. Repentance is made by confession and acceptance of Yeshua.

When you repent you are required to become baptized as a symbolic act of having your sins washed away and now you go forward as a new person and no longer sinning. This is a directive from Yeshua. The Churches take this as a symbolic act of being born again since you now walk forward as a new person, but being born again really does not truly occur until you are resurrected by Yeshua, changing from flesh into spirit.

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and **be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 3:19 **Repent ye** therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

2Co 5:17 Therefore **if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt **confess with thy mouth** the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe in thine heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, **thou shalt be saved**.

Rom 10:10 For with **the heart** man **believeth** unto **righteousness**; and with **the mouth** **confession** is made unto **salvation**.

Repentance is made coming from the heart by confession in prayer to God by speaking through the mouth. It is a purposeful and emotional act for everyone changing and going forward in obedience to God. Repentance in truth is submission to God's Will and walking forward from that moment on following the directives from God and growing in the manner that God requires of you.

If you go through life and do not repent and do not accept Yeshua as your saviour you pay a severe penalty, not in this life but rather in the next when everyone that has lived and died are resurrected and judged. Those that walked contrary to God are found unrighteous and thrown into a lake of fire, contained there forever with no hope. Yes imprisoned there for all eternity. There is no second chance after you die and leave this material world.

Understand that repentance is not a one time action, rather it is an active way of going forward. When you first repent it places you at the starting gate, how you walk forward from that time onward determines how you are judged by Yeshua at the end. Since you are required to change upon repentance and become a new person by walking and no longer sinning, it means you must know what God defines as sin. The commands of God are all contained in the first five books of the Bible, they are what is known as the Torah. The Torah is translated in nearly all Bibles as Law, but the depth of meaning is lost when this is done. A concise description of Torah is

"Instruction designed to teach us the truth of God". The depth of meaning is much more than what a person reads from the word Law. We are told God demands total obedience and one can only do this if they follow the Torah. This alone is not enough, one must accept and follow Yeshua as well and walk forward growing in their heart as how the New Testament tells us. These two simultaneous requirements of walking in the Torah and our heart developing in acceptance by Yeshua must be done together. If you stumble and fall, get up, repent again and continue forward. God is always willing to take us back. The Torah applies today equally as it did in the past and will again be in force in the future, this will be addressed shortly.

Once you take Yeshua on, meaning you accept Yeshua as the messiah, then you are to go forward in following in obedience to what Yeshua told us and showed us. This is the same as doing the Will of God. Once you start forward, there is no looking back, you must be fully committed to walking forward properly. **Shema**, hear and obey Yeshua. Your salvation is tied to your acceptance of Yeshua as the Son of God having died for our sins.

C. Forgiveness

In order to be forgiven by God, one must forgive all others and not carry a grudge towards anyone. This is easy to do for the little things but difficult to do for the major things. But for one to be forgiven, they must forgive all others that have wronged them and have any anger or grudge leave their mind and heart. You can no longer hold onto the hatred, anger and wanting vengeance. Vengeance is handed out by God, not by man, we must leave this to God. You must clear your mind to a point of having love to all in order to grow and mature as God wants you to.

Mat 6:14 For if ye **forgive men** their trespasses, your heavenly Father will **also forgive you**:

Mat 6:15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Mar 11:25 And when ye stand praying, **forgive**, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven **may forgive you** your trespasses.

Mar 11:26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Luk 6:37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: **forgive**, and ye shall **be forgiven**:

This is a major personal characteristic of the heart that God requires for one to grow as His son or daughter, recognize we are His children. The heart will not grow properly if hatred and animosity are held in it. It must grow with love to all in order to make us more like God. One must purge their heart and let all hatred and anger towards others out, this is clear from scriptures, it is not negotiable. In repentance, forgiveness of all others is a major requirement in order for ourselves to be forgiven by God. Our actions of sinning towards God are much worse than man's actions towards man. We need to be so thankful that God is a loving merciful God and is slow to anger, always willing to take us back when we come to Him in repentance and going forward doing His Will. Recognize that hatred to others is tied to your ego, to the pride of life taking hold of your

mind and heart. To offset this remember to go forward each and every day as Yeshua tells us, to be **humble, meek, serving, loving and forgiving** towards all others. Reflect for a moment, God is our heavenly Father, we are to obey our Father. His rules are for our benefit in order for us His children to grow and mature properly. Our time on this earth is for our growing and developing to become more like our Father.

D. Attitude

The attitude we are to develop is always one of being thankful to God. Thankful for the blessings God provides to sustain our lives, thankful that God forgives our sins, thankful that God loves us, thankful that God gave us a road map to follow in going through this life, thankful that God sent His Son to die for our sins so that we can be reconciled to God and obtain eternal life with Him and Yeshua. Yes not only are we to be thankful but also joyful knowing that we are one of God's chosen people and that God loves us and that an eternity with God and Yeshua is promised to us.

Always remember that there is the way of the world and the way of God, the two being very different. The way of the world is a temporary life we walk, one that if used correctly allows us to grow and mature as God's children in order to spend eternity in a renewed life with our Father and His Son.

God expects us to have patience and endure whatever the world does to us, we are to keep our focus on God and continue on, knowing that Yeshua overcame the world and we can as well with the help of God's spirit within us.

Mar 13:13 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that **shall endure unto the end**, the same shall **be saved**.

Rev 14:12 Here is the **patience** of the saints: here *are* they that **keep the commandments** of God, and the **faith of Jesus**.

Always watch that you keep the three traps of the world out of your life, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. The pride of life is subtle and is easy to slip in un-noticed, one always needs to be on guard against this last trap. It is the one tied directly to ones ego.

Your attitude is a reflection of your heart, so always be careful to have your attitude being one that God approves of and shows our love to Him and to others as well as thankfulness for everything in our walk forward.

E. How to Walk

Upon repenting one is to walk forward in righteousness and no longer sin. This means walking forward as to how God commands. You need to walk by action which requires obedience

and submission to God's Will. The book of Leviticus summarizes how man is to walk, and once you take on Yeshua there is no difference between Jew or Gentile, everyone going forward is the same, and all are judged the same and expected to follow in the same manner. In all of the first five books of the Bible God gave us instructions on how to walk forward, in addition the entire Bible has examples and reinforces how we are to walk. We are to learn obedience, righteousness, judgment and to avoid unrighteousness.

If ever in doubt always use as a default to follow what Yeshua told us and showed us.

Ecc 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.

We are to walk forward through this current life by keeping God's commands but also to walk by having our heart grow and become acceptable to both the Father and the Son.

Mat 12:50 For whosoever shall **do the will** of my Father which is in heaven, **the same is** my brother, and sister, and mother.

F. Follow Jesus

Yes we are told to follow Yeshua. The verses below are some that tell us to follow Yeshua. Following is both hearing and obeying, it is what Yeshua has told us and what He has shown us by His example.

Mat 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**

1Pe 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, **leaving us an example**, that ye should **follow his steps**:

1Jn 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we **keep his commandments**.

1Jn 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1Jn 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

1Jn 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him **ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.**

We are to walk forward in the same manner that Yeshua showed us by His actions. To walk as He walked. It is not a pick and choose, it is following and accepting all that Yeshua gave us. It requires conscious action on our part as we interact with the world. We are to let His nature grow within us.

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

What are the commandments that Yeshua is referring to ? They are the Torah, which includes the 10 commandments along with much more. These commandments were given to man as being forever. There is much more required than what the various Christian Churches tell their congregation.

Consider very carefully the following verse as given to us from Yeshua and ignored by all the Churches of today. It is clear in what it says.

Mat 5:18 For verily I say unto you, **Till heaven and earth pass**, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise **pass from the law (Torah)**, **till all be fulfilled**.

G. The Price You Pay

There is a price to be paid for following Yeshua, it is one related to the world around you.

Luk 14:26 If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, **and his own life also**, he cannot be **my disciple**.

Luk 14:27 And whosoever doth not **bear his cross**, and **come after me**, cannot be **my disciple**.

Joh 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you.

Joh 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because **ye are not of the world**, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore **the world hateth you**.

Joh 17:14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because **they are not of the world**, even as **I am not of the world**.

Rom 12:2 And **be not conformed to this world**: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, **will of God**.

Following Yeshua and doing God's Will is much more important than family, friends and following the way of the world around us. We need to follow according to God's way and not the way that the world would have us walk. Once you start on the path there is no time out, no looking back.

Luk 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, **No man**, having put his hand to the plough, and **looking back**, is **fit for the kingdom of God**.

One main focus in going through life is to remember God and to walk according to His Will. We are not to become distracted and lose sight of this main focus. The rewards we gather in the future are tied directly to our walk in this current life.

H. The Rewards You Receive

The first reward we receive from accepting Yeshua as our saviour is eternal life with the Father and Yeshua. However there are other rewards according to how one walked in this earth. There are positive rewards for our righteous actions. Consider the following scriptures.

Mat 5:10 Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 5:11 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Mat 5:12 **Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven:** for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Mat 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, **shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life**

Mar 10:29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

Mar 10:30 But **he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time**, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; **and in the world to come** eternal life.

Luk 18:29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake,

Luk 18:30 Who **shall not receive manifold more** in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Luk 6:22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you *from their company*, and shall reproach *you*, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

Luk 6:23 **Rejoice** ye in that day, and **leap for joy:** for, behold, **your reward is great in heaven:** for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

Col 3:22 Servants, obey in all things *your* masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but **in singleness of heart**, fearing God:

Col 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, **do it heartily**, as **to the Lord**, and not unto men;

Col 3:24 Knowing that of the Lord **ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance:** for ye **serve the Lord Christ.**

Yes we are told that there are specific rewards both in this life and in the life to come, rewards that will be a hundredfold of what we would normally receive, these are in addition to the reward of salvation. Salvation is spending an eternity with both the Father and the Son.

There are also negative rewards for the unjust.

2Ti 4:14 Alexander the coppersmith **did me much evil:** the **Lord reward him** according to **his works:**

2Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and **to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:**

2Pe 2:10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous *are they*, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

2Pe 2:11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

2Pe 2:12 **But these**, as natural brute beasts, **made to be taken and destroyed**, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

2Pe 2:13 And **shall receive the reward of unrighteousness**, *as* they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots *they are* and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;

The Lord's vengeance that comes upon the unrighteous are negative rewards. They will experience punishment and imprisonment for eternity.

When Yeshua returns He brings rewards for man with Him and these rewards are set according to man's works.

Mat 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he **shall reward every man according to his works.**

Rev 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and **my reward is with me**, to give every man **according as his work** shall be.

Note that in the new heaven and earth when all the righteous are gathered together in the new Jerusalem, there is a ranking of people from top to bottom according to how they walked in this life, according to their reward. There will be the Apostles and prophets at the very top, followed by the Saints, then followed by the large masses of people and generally the poor preachers at the bottom.

Mat 5:19 Whosoever therefore **shall break one of these least commandments**, and **shall teach men** so, **he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven:** but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

The above verse follows directly after Mat 5:18, where Yeshua tells us the Torah is in place until the current heaven and earth pass away. Yes, we are told by Yeshua to follow or walk in the Torah. Those preachers not teaching their flocks this will be least in the kingdom of heaven.

I. Christian Churches Instructions verses Yeshua's Instructions

Christian Churches for the most part tell you that you are saved by grace so you do not have to do anything, there is no longer any need for works. Yes we are saved by grace and not by works, but that does not negate following and keeping the Torah. In being evaluated look at Revelations, it tells you that you are judged by your works. Faith without works is empty or void. Total obedience to God in the way we walk in this world is required in order to show our love to God and to please Him.

Christian Churches read the New Testament **totally out of context**. The New Testament was written by Jews and directed to Jews. Yeshua was a Jew and He came to the Jews. The New Testament was not written to the Gentiles. The Gentiles can learn from the New Testament but need to look at it through the eyes of the Jews and the meaning to society that would apply at the time it was written. Yeshua did not come to the Gentiles and only later after His people rejected Him did He send His disciples out to the Jews first and then to the Gentiles second. Yeshua did not need to tell the Jews to keep the Sabbath or the Holy Days as they were all walking in the Torah. Yeshua only needed to tell them how to better keep the Torah using a few select examples. They were shown to keep the Torah by its intent and not legalistically. Yeshua quoted from the Old Testament. The Berean's studied and searched the Old Testament.

[Act 17:10](#) And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night **unto Berea**: who coming *thither* went into the synagogue of the Jews.

[Act 17:11](#) These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and **searched the scriptures daily**, whether those things were so.

The New Testament did not come into existence until 30 years after Yeshua's death and resurrection. The New Testament was not completed until 60 years had elapsed from Yeshua's departure from this world. The new Congregations as set up by Paul, now called Churches, they studied and learned from the Old Testament. They walked forward in the Torah. Paul addressed them as the Saints. The current Churches of today definitely are not the Saints. They tell you the Torah was done away, yet when God gave it, it was stated as being **forever**. In the future, in the Millennium the Torah will be followed, going out to the world from Jerusalem.

[Mic 4:1](#) But **in the last days** it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

[Mic 4:2](#) And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for **the law (Torah)** shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD **from Jerusalem**.

The Torah is to be followed; in the past, present and future, these instructions come directly from God and from Yeshua.

The following tells us how the Gentiles in the Congregations set up by Paul walked forward.

Act 21:18 And the *day* following **Paul went in** with us unto James; and all the elders were present.

Act 21:19 And when he had saluted them, he **declared particularly what things God** had wrought **among the Gentiles by his ministry**.

Act 21:20 And when they heard *it*, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are **which believe**; and **they are all zealous of the law**:

Yes the Gentiles of Paul's Congregations were Zealous for the Torah and were walking in the Torah. The Christian Churches of today do not walk in the Torah, yet they pretend that they are the same as the original Congregations.

Yeshua in Mat 5:18 as given previously in section F above tells us that the Torah is in effect until a time in the future when the heaven and earth pass away. There are many more scriptures both by Yeshua and also throughout the Old Testament that tell us the same thing. There is one Bible, Old and New Testaments together, the entire Bible applies today just as it did in the past.

One needs to read the New Testament **in proper context**. Recognize Paul was a scholar of scholars versed in the Torah and he followed it completely. There was a major reason why the Jews were to take the gospel to the Gentiles, the Jews were versed in the Torah and could then teach the Gentiles who knew nothing of the Torah.

J. Summary

Forgiveness of sins requires a way of walking forward with works, it is described in the complete Bible. You are to walk forward not sinning and having the heart grow in love. It is much more than what the Christian Churches of today tell you. Unless you can read scriptures in proper context, you will not be able to walk the path God the Father and Yeshua tell you to follow.

God gave us free will to choose how we will walk, either according to His instructions or contrary to His instructions. If you do not read and study God's word for yourself, then you allow yourself to be deceived and led down the wrong path. The choice and responsibility always rests with you, others cannot be blamed for your allowing yourself to be deceived. In the New Testament, you have been warned 17 times by Yeshua and His disciples not to be deceived.

God is always willing to forgive us, but it requires walking forward the way He has instructed us. The way comes from His word, it does not come from the Churches today.

We are quickly running out of time, the end days are fast approaching, one needs to get things right before it becomes too late.

Mat 24:32 Now **learn a parable of the fig tree**; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer *is* nigh:

Mat 24:33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors.

Mat 24:34 Verily I say unto you, **This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.**

Mat 24:35 **Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.**

Yes we are the generation that will not pass away until Yeshua returns. God's word is clear just follow what He tells us. Yes the current heavens and earth do pass away at the Last Day.

Why do a very few people today follow the Complete Bible and the Torah. It is for the following reasons.

1. The Father and the Son commanded it be kept – obey (don't question)
2. It defines Sin, this helps one walk forward doing their best not to sin
3. It shows our love to the Father and the Son
4. Teaches us the truth of God
5. Helps us mature as one of God's children, it helps one develop personal characteristics God values and requires from us.

Deu 5:29 O that there were such an **heart in them**, that they would **fear me**, and **keep all my commandments always**, that it might be well with them, and with their children **for ever!**

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