

Before we were saved, we were dead in our sins and the uncircumcision of our flesh. In our salvation what has God done for us? *Col 2:13* _____
God's law, such as in *Exodus 20-23*, declares strong judgment and death upon sinners. How did Jesus deal with this written code that was against us and condemned us? *Col 2:14*(use NIV) _____
What has God, in Christ, done to the evil spirit forces? *Col 2:15*(use NIV) _____

Because Jesus took a human body and gave His life as a perfect, sinless, sacrifice for our sins, what has He done to the devil? *Heb 2:14* _____
In doing this from what fear has he set us free? *Heb 2:15* _____
Why did Jesus come? *1Jn 3:5* _____
How can we have victory over sin? *1Jn 3:6* _____
If we live righteously, whose righteousness is operating in us? *1Jn 3:7; Rom 5:17* _____

In these verses of *1Jn 3:5-9*, there is a sense of a wilful practising of sin, e.g. *1Jn 3:8*. But what has Jesus done to the works of the devil? *1Jn 3:8b* _____
If we are born of God, *1Pet 1:23*, what is it that we no longer practise? *1Jn 3:9* _____

**Christ Jesus has delivered us from the penalty of sin.
Do not let the sins of your former life condemn you.**

**Christ Jesus can deliver you from the power of any sin.
Do not let any sinful habit bind or hinder you.**

**Christ Jesus will one day deliver us from the presence of sin.
At the Second Coming of Christ, He will once and for all destroy the devil and all evil.**

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CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WITNESS COURSE

Study Thirteen: Forgiveness of Sins

The aim of this study is to confirm the utter mercies of God and how to come to God in confession to receive forgiveness of sins.

Man's Sinful Nature

Ever since Adam and Eve sinned, we have all inherited their sinful nature and everyone has a tendency to sin even from birth. Sin entered the world, *Gen 3:1-6*, and what was the result? *Rom 5:12* _____
How many people were affected by this? *Rom 5:12* _____
How does God describe our spiritual condition? *Rom 7:14* _____
What is it that causes us to go on sinning? *Rom 7:17* _____
What is the law that is operating within us? *Rom 7:23* _____

Man's Doom Due to Sin

What is required of us to be able to come and stand in God's presence? *Ps 24:3,4* _____
If these things are not present in us because of sin, what is our relationship with God like? _____
Sin cuts off man's relationship with God because God is holy and cannot stand the presence of sin. Is God willing to save us and hear our cry? *Is 59:1* _____
What is it that separates us from God, and prevents Him hearing our cry? *Is 59:2* _____
To Whom is everybody responsible for their sinful acts? *Ezk 18:4* _____
What will be the reward of sin? *Ezk 18:4,20* _____
What are the wages that we receive for serving sin? *Rom 6:23* _____

Christ Jesus is the only Answer to Sin

God saw our doom and hopelessness and out of His mercy and love, He sent Christ Jesus to save us. Why did God tell Joseph to call His Name Jesus? *Mat 1:21* _____
Why did Christ suffer and die on the Cross? *1Cor 15:3* _____

On Good Friday, Jesus was on the Cross from 9am, *Mk 15:25*, until He died at 3pm. From noon until 3pm, there was darkness over the land, as a sign that Jesus was paying the price for our sins and bearing the judgment of God in our place, *2Cor 5:21*. What were the words Jesus cried out with a loud voice on the Cross as He bore our sins? *Mat 27:45,46* _____
When John the Baptist saw Jesus, how did he describe Him? *Jn 1:29* _____
Jesus is the only One who can restore sinners back into a relationship with God. How did He do this? *1Tim 2:5,6* _____
Why did Jesus allow Himself to be made sin for us? *2Cor 5:21* _____
What are the three benefits that come to us as a result of Jesus bearing our sins on the Cross? *1Pet 2:24* _____

How to Receive God's Forgiveness

What is one blessing that everyone needs to receive? *Ps 32:1* _____
To be forgiven for all our sins, what steps do we need to take? *Ps 32:5* _____
What do we need to do to receive mercy from God? *Pro 28:13* _____
When John the Baptist came preaching, what type of baptism did he say was necessary for remission of sins? *Lk 3:3* _____
How did Zacchaeus demonstrate this principle of repentance in his response to Jesus? *Lk 19:1-10* _____
When those who had been responsible for Jesus' crucifixion, were deeply convicted of their sin, *Ac 2:37*, what did Peter tell them was God's remedy to be forgiven? *Ac 2:38* _____
What is God's promise to guilty sinners? *1Jn 1:9* _____

What God Does With Our Sins

The Bible describes in various ways what God does with our sins, giving us an assurance of His forgiveness. What are two benefits that God gives to those who bless Him and His Holy Name with all their hearts? *Ps 103:1-3* _____
Every believer is a part of spiritual Israel, *Gal 6:16*. What does God do for His people? *Ps 130:8* _____
What does God do with the scarlet guilt of our sins? *Is 1:18* _____
When we repent, turn to God and do works meet for repentance, *Ac 26:20*, where does God throw all our sins? *Is 38:17* _____

What does God do with our transgressions for His own sake? *Is 43:25* _____
Once forgiven, does God keep a record of our sins? *Is 43:25* _____
Iniquities are sinful bondages in our character. What does God say He will do with these? *Mic 7:19* _____
Because Jesus gave Himself for us, what are the things He is able to do for us? *Tit 2:14*
a. _____
b. _____
Never forget His promise. Be free of guilt. *1Jn 1:9* says _____

Freedom From Guilt, Accusation and Condemnation

It is impossible to be sinless this side of heaven. This is why the Bible promises us God's help and forgiveness when we do fall into sin. God assures us of His mercy and shows us how we can get free from condemnation. When Satan was standing at Joshua's right hand to oppose him, what did God do for Joshua to stop Satan's opposing influences? *Zech 3:1-5* _____
What did Jesus say to the woman taken in adultery? *Jn 8:10,11* _____
As we live "in Christ" and walk "after the Spirit", from what are we set free? *Rom 8:1* _____
Because Jesus has suffered temptation, and not fallen into sin, how is He able to help us? *Heb 2:17,18; Heb 4:15* _____
Jesus is our Advocate with the Father. This means that if anyone sins, He speaks to the Father on our behalf, *1Jn 2:1*. What does He say to the Father? *1Jn 2:2* _____
Who is accusing us before God day and night? *Rev 12:9,10* _____
How do we overcome these accusations? *Rev 12:11* _____

Deathblow to Sin

Christ Jesus dealt a deathblow to sin and the devil by His birth, ministry, crucifixion and resurrection from the grave. Before we were saved, *Eph 2:8*, how would you describe our condition? *Eph 2:1-3* _____
After we are saved what is our position? *Eph 2:4-6* _____