

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

"But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Peter 1:19).

2. He was the only perfect sacrifice for us.

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). Note: The pronoun "our" is used.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6).

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth" (Isaiah 53:7).

3. He even became sin for us.

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Corinthians 5:21).

4. He was a substitute for us for our sin.

"And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (I John 2:2). The word "propitiation" speaks of Jesus being our substitute.

5. He became our eternal sacrifice for sins.

"But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God" (Hebrews 10:12). Again, Jesus offered himself as one sacrifice forever for our sins.

6. Jesus suffered the wrath of God for our sins that we wouldn't have to suffer that wrath.

"And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come" (I Thessalonians 1:10).

7. God through Jesus canceled our sin debt.

"And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance" (Hebrews 9:15). A price must be paid for something to be redeemed. Jesus paid the price with his life.

8. Jesus was condemned in the flesh for our sins.

"For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh" (Romans 8:3).

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God's Solution *for* Sin and Guilt

All of us have faced the **guilt, condemnation**, and the **fear of judgment** associated with sin because all of us have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. Even Believers, from time to time, will still choose to sin. The following promises are to those who have given their lives to Jesus as their Lord. (Romans 10:9)

1. God makes us white as snow. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18). When snow falls from the sky is pure and white. That is the way God sees us through Jesus.

2. God makes us pure as an un-dyed garment. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18). The blood stained under garment is made as though it was never stained or dyed. No bleach on earth can do that. However, God can do that with our sins.

3. God blots out our transgressions. "I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins" (Isaiah 43:25). "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto

me; for I have redeemed thee" (Isaiah 44:22). The stain of breaking God's law is completely removed because it was transferred from us to Jesus on the cross.

4. God casts our sins into the depths of the sea. "He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea" (Micah 7:19). Man, himself, is yet to reach the depth of the ocean. Why should we bring up the sin that God has buried there?

5. God is merciful to our unrighteousness. "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more" (Hebrews 8:12). To be merciful means that God gives us less punishment than we deserve. He also cleanses us of all unrighteousness. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). God's eternal forgiveness does not negate the need to ask for forgiveness and cleansing here and now. However, God gives us a clear conscience, by removing the filth concerning everything which we have done wrong.

6. God removes our transgressions from us as far as the east from the west. "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us" (Psalms 103:12). The picture is of the circle of the earth. You may circle the earth by going east or west a thousand times, but east and west never meet. That is how far God removes our transgressions from us.

7. God remits our sins. "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28). "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of

sins" (Acts 10:43). To remit means to shrink to nothing. No matter how big or terrible our sins are, God makes them as nothing.

8. God forgives our iniquities. "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalms 103:3). God gives us the gift of **for-give-ness**. It has "give" in the middle of it. We don't deserve it or earn it in any. It means that God no longer holds our iniquities (perversion or bent away from His law) against us.

9. God forgives our sins. "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins" (Acts 13:38). "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:14). He forgives us for what we do that we should not do and what we should do that we don't do.

10. God pardons our transgressions. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7). "Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy" (Micah 7:18). Although we have broken God's law, God gives us absolution. He lets us go free! We are no longer considered guilty.

11. God has purges our sins from us. "For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins" (Hebrews 10:2). The word "purge" means to cleanse by removing or separating out that which is impure. To purge our sins means to remove our sins from us.

12. God takes away our sins. "For this is

my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins" (Romans 11:27). "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin" (I John 3:5). Here is the picture the scapegoat that was led out into the wilderness, never to return. Jesus is our scapegoat for sins, yet he was resurrected from the dead.

13. God saves us from our sins. "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). God preserves us from the eternal consequence of destruction and ruin brought by our sins and often times the lesser temporal consequences here and now.

14. God remembers our sins no more. "And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more" (Jeremiah 31:34). "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more" (Hebrews 10:17). God has perfect forgetfulness! If He forgets them, why should we continue to allow the devil to condemn us or why should we continue to condemn ourselves?

How can God who is a perfect, righteous God forgive us and take away our sins? Sin must be punished! God must pour out His wrath upon our sin! It could only happen if there was someone who was **perfect**, who also took our place and the punishment for our sin. Jesus was and is that perfect person.

1. He was the lamb without spot or blemish. (Jesus was and is perfect).