

## Forgiveness Pt 2 Forgiveness through the blood of Christ

This is the second teaching on the word “forgive”. In our first study we covered three points- (I) God gave Moses the law for Israel including the sin offering made by the priest so the people could be forgiven for their sin, (ii) Israel sinned a great sin with the golden calf so Moses prayed to the LORD to pardon, forgive their sin, (iii) king Solomon besought the LORD to forgive the people when they sinned. In this teaching we will cover an additional three points: (I) Jesus taught His disciples to pray- asking the Father to forgive their sin, as they are forgiven, (ii) Jesus healed the sick and forgave sins, (iii) today: we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins through the blood of Christ.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

### 1. Jesus taught His disciples to pray- asking the Father to forgive their sins

Forgive us our sins, for we forgive every one that is indebted to us

“And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil” (Lk.11: 4). See also Matt.6:12

If we forgive men their trespasses our heavenly Father will also forgive us

[14] For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

[15]...if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matt.6: 14, 15)

Q Is that how it is in this age of the church? Do we only receive forgiveness of sin when we forgive others?

A NO

### 2. Jesus healed the sick and forgave their sins

[2] And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

[5] For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? (Matt.9: 2, 5).

The healing was that the people would know that the Son of man has power on earth to forgive sin

“But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house” (Matt.9: 6).

He forgave the woman her sins

[37] And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,

[46] My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. [47]

Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

[48] And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. (Luke 7:37,46-48)

The people were challenged when Jesus forgave the woman her sins- Lk.7: 49- “And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?” See also Lk 5:21

Some scribes said that Jesus spoke blasphemies- as only God can forgive sins

[6] But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,

[7] Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? Mark 2: 6, 7

The purpose of Jesus healing the sick was that the Jews would know that He had power to forgive sins

[9] Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?

[10] But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,). Mark 2: 9, 10

Such examples confirm that Jesus is God!

### 3. Today- we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins through the blood of Christ

[5] Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself...

[7] In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Ephesians 1:5, 7

Christ died on the cross and bear our sin on himself (all of our trespasses)- 1 Peter 2:24- "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we...should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."-CF.- Col.2:13- "And you...hath he quickened...with him, having forgiven you all trespasses".

We are delivered from darkness to light, from the power of Satan unto God and receive forgiveness of sins

[15] And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

[16] But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen...

[17] Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

[18] 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." Acts 26:15-18

#### Illustration

According to Roman Catholic dogma forgiveness of sins takes place principally at baptism- "Catechism 1427...It is...Baptism<sup>17</sup> that one...gains salvation, that is, the forgiveness of all sins and the gift of new life.

According to more dogma - the priest has been given Christ's power to forgive sin-

"Catechism 1441 Only God forgives sins.<sup>39</sup> Since he is the Son of God, Jesus says of himself, "The Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" and exercises this divine power: "Your sins are forgiven."<sup>40</sup>

Further, by virtue of his divine authority he gives this power to men to exercise in his name".<sup>41</sup> (the footnote references Jn.20: 21-23- John 20:23- "Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them..."

#### Questions to think about.

i) What is the problem with Rome's interpretation of Jn.20 which leads them to assign God's power to forgive sins to their priests at the confessional?

ii) what is the difference between forgiveness of sin in the OT and the Gospels, compared to the church-age.

#### Our answers from the scriptures.

i) Forgiveness of sins, does not begin at baptism (for our past sins), nor do we weekly take the Eucharist for our sins to be forgiven by the wine, and nor do we take confession. But, rather:

\* when a person hears, understands the gospel they are converted (Mk 4:12)

\* when a person believes the gospel- confesses Christ and believes that God raised Him from the dead

"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: 9).

**Then** their sins are forgiven- Rev.1: 5- "...Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Rev.1: 5).

ii) Day to day forgiveness of sins was received through the Father (either directly or through the blood of the animal sacrifices and then His Son by Him forgiving sin. Whereas today, we have forgiveness, washing of our iniquity, remission of sins, and clearing of the guilt through faith in His blood (Rom.3: 25).

Jesus Christ was the Son God, the Lamb of God, and His Father bruised Him and made His soul a one off offering for sin

[7] 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.

[10] Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. (Is.53: 7,10)- CF- Heb.10: 12 "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God"

\* He forgave sin and He came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15- "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief".

Christ has the power to forgive their sin- though faith in his blood. With NO input forgiveness of any man.

Today, all of our sins, past present and future are on Christ, washed by His blood. We do not have to go through a priest for forgiveness, nor drink wine, nor be baptised... all are blasphemy!

Today we are forgiven, redeemed, cleared of guilt by faith in Christ's blood! Let us live in that truth. Amen