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## How God Dealt With Sin

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God's grace is greater than sin, He imputed the gift of righteousness, which is not by works, it is different than the law, it is a free gift given to everyone that is born again. When we are born again, we become righteous, we are the righteousness of God. When seeing the innocence of children we realize that because of God's gift of righteousness that is how innocent we are. However, many people think that because of memories of the past, they do not feel worthy, too many mistakes have been made, but God has dealt with our sin not remembering them anymore, blotting them out. God has made a choice under the new covenant not to remember our shortcomings and He sees us through the finished work of Jesus Christ, we are not seen through our works but through Jesus' works. God has removed our sins, we may seek for them but won't be able to find them, He won't mention them again, He has cast them into the depths of the sea and has removed them an immeasurable distance, they can't be found.

Rom 5:17 "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)" KJV

In these scriptures we find that we have become a new creature, not something that has been before or remodeled, but we are born again, our spirit man has been made new, old things are gone, passed away. There are many scriptures in the epistles that tell us who we are in Christ, in Him, in whom, but many believers don't know and are unable to tell who they really are. We have been reconciled, brought into harmony and God is looking at us through Jesus. He has given us the ministry of reconciliation, this is the ministry that we are to be sharing with the world and the church. It was God in Christ restoring the world to favor, not holding men's sins against them, but cancelling them out. He was not judging the world but it was because of Jesus that He was forgiving. This is the same message that God has given to the believer to share with the world and unbelievers or doubters. Some people, in error will take this to believe that all has been forgiven and they can live any kind of life style but as we grow in the word and Jesus, we begin to live a life of holiness.

Holiness means the way we live, learning to live like Jesus as we grow in Him, but first we have to become established in righteousness. We cannot grow based on what we try to do, it won't work and most times we just give up. We are to be ambassadors to establish His will here in the earth. God has made Jesus to be sin for us, knowing no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God. When Jesus hung on the cross, the sins of the world were laid on Him and He was judged for our sins. God brings us into right standing with Him because of Jesus and the price that He paid for us.

2 Cor 5:17-21 "Therefore if any man be *in Christ*, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was *in Christ*, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you *in Christ's* stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21 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." KJV

2 Cor 5:17-21 "Therefore if any person *is [ingrafted] in Christ* (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come! 18 But all things are from God, Who through Jesus Christ reconciled us to Himself [received us into favor, brought us into harmony with Himself] and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation [that by word and deed we might aim to bring others into harmony with Him]. 19 It was God [*personally present*] *in Christ*, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against [men] their trespasses [but cancelling them], and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor). 20 So we are Christ's ambassadors, God making His appeal as it were through us. We [as Christ's personal representatives] beg you for His sake to lay hold of the divine favor [now offered you] and be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake He made Christ [virtually] to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in and through Him we might become [endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of] the righteousness of God [what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness]." AMP

Much of the book of Hebrews tells about how superior the blood of Jesus was over the blood of bulls and goats, that with the blood of bulls and goats there had to be a continual sacrifice over and over each year, that blood did nothing but cover the sins, it did nothing to cleanse like the blood of Jesus. Jesus only had to shed His blood one time, no more sacrifice had to be made because it blotted sin out where there was no more remembrance. Sin and iniquities are much the same, sin is missing the mark

but iniquities have more meaning like something that has been planned or premeditated and can be passed from generation to generation. If we feel unworthy for things from the past, why would we have those feelings since Jesus and God have forgiven and remember those sins no more?

Heb 10:17-19 "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. 18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. 19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus," KJV

The following scripture is speaking prophetically of the ministry of Jesus. He is blotting out the sins not just covering them and will not remember them.

Isa 43:25-26 "I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. 26 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified." KJV

This scripture tells how God deals with sin, He is not keeping track of our sin. In the ministry of reconciliation, some people think that they have done too many bad things and God can't forgive them, but what they don't realize is that God has laid those sins on Jesus and the sin has been dealt with. They don't realize what they are guilty of, they are rejecting Jesus and that is what they will be held accountable for not their past sins. When we begin to understand the plan of salvation it is almost too good to be true.

Psa 130:3-4 "If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? 4 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared." KJV

This scripture is telling us that our sins have been forgiven and moved an immeasurable distance to be found no more.

Psa 103:1-12 "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. 6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. 7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. 9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." KJV

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and will forgive our sins. \*Cleanse means to purify from the pollution of sin but also guilt and shame. God gives more and more grace, enabling believers to walk in righteousness. We are to reign over sin as kings in life through the gift that He has given to each of us a free gift not associated with works. We can look for our sins but can't find them, they have been blotted out by the blood of Jesus.

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

The believer and the church has to come to the knowledge that the blood of Jesus was far superior to the blood of bulls and goats. Gods plan is that the believers sin has been purged and there should be no remembrance of that sin, but a right consciousness of what the blood of Jesus has done, because we have been forgiven by that blood that was sprinkled on the mercy seat in heaven. Jesus dealt with sin once and forever. Don't use your past as an excuse to not fulfill your future. If God has forgiven and the sins have been thrown into the sea of forgetfulness, then it is wrong for the believers to be fishing, trying to pull those sins back up, confronting others with sins they have committed, condemning them and putting them under condemnation.

Heb 10:1-3 "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. 3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year." KJV

The blood of bulls and goats only covered sin and had to be offered every year.

Heb 1:14 "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" KJV

Testimony of a man who believing that he had received a visit while in the hospital from his mother and sister who had died and gone to heaven, he began to ask questions of them about his father and grandfather, that had died and supposedly gone to heaven, but he realized that maybe he was not hearing the right response from them, he remembered that his father had cursed God on his deathbed and probably was not in heaven.

We can not let past sins dictate our destiny, Gods righteousness dictates our destiny. Our destiny is heaven, this world is not our home, we must accept Gods unconditional forgiveness and respond to Him.

1 Cor 6:9-11 "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit \*the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." KJV

\*two kingdoms of God, one here on earth and the other in heaven. .

We may have been those things listed in this scripture before we were born again but we have been washed, sanctified, justified and declared righteous by the spirit of God.

"You may have done what they say, but you are not what or who they say you are"

You have been forgiven and stand in the presence of God with no guilt or shame by the righteousness of the sacrifice of Jesus.

Righteousness means to be in right standing, the ability to stand in the presence of God without the sense of inferiority, without the sense of guilt or shame. We are respectful when we come into the presence of God but we can come boldly to the throne of God because we have been cleansed and made righteous by the blood of Jesus. Coming boldly with faith filled prayers.