

I Believe in the Forgiveness of Sins (Luke 15:11-32, Matthew 18:21-35)

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He (God) is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. 1 John 1:8 (TNIV)

1. We have all sinned, we have all

'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'
Luke 15:21

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him: he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. Luke 15:20

2. The price of our freedom

If the son has set you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36

3. We are forgiven

In Jesus we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace, that he lavished on us. Ephesians 1:17

4. We are forgiven

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6. God's grace covers our sin in Christ.....

7. We are forgiven

For if we have been united with Jesus in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Romans 6:5-7

This is how my heavenly father will treat each of you unless you forgive a brother or sister from your heart. Matthew 18:35 (TNIV)

Forgiveness is a wonderful idea until we have someone to forgive. C. S. Lewis

The biggest cause of relationship problems is not things forgotten that should be remembered, but things remembered that should be forgotten.

8. Because we have been forgiven by God, we must

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs 1 Cor 13:4ff(TNIV)

9. Because we have been forgiven by God, we must

Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way as you judge others, you will be judged and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Matthew 7:1,2 (TNIV)

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Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow-servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.