

IV. What to do with sin

A. Be saved from sin

“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)

“*Saying*, Blessed *are* they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.” (Romans 4:7)

“I write unto you little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name’s sake.” (I John 2:12)

Salvation means to be “delivered or rescued”

B. Be sorry for sin

“For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.” (Psalm 38:18)

Not being sorry that we were caught but sorry for what we did.

C. Repent of sin

“But go ye and learn what *that* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” (Matthew 9:13)

“I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.” (Luke 15:7)

“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn *yourselves* from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.” (Ezekiel 18:30)

“Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.” (Acts 8:22)

Repentance is a change of mind wrought in us by God that is so strong it leads to desire and efforts to change actions.

D. Confess your sin

“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)

To confess means to agree with God’s assessment of something. It is not saying, “Lord, if this is wrong forgive me”, but, “Lord this is wrong, you are right, forgive me.”

E. Forsake your sin

“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy.” (Proverbs 28:13)

“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)

Forsake means “to abandon”.

F. Hate sin

“Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.” (Psalm 97:10)

“These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.” (Proverbs 6:16-19)

“For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.” (Romans 8:13)

G. Put off sin and put them away

“That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.” (Ephesians 4:22-25)

“But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.” (Colossians 3:8)

“Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:” (Ephesians 4:31)

This is the picture of taking off dirty clothes and discarding them. “Put away” is the same phrase used to describe divorce. We need to divorce sin.

H. Lay it aside

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,” (Hebrews 12:1)

It seems every one has some particular besetting sin. That one also should be set aside, the one we love the most. The one we stumble over the most.

I. Resist sin

“Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.” (Hebrews 12:4)

Resist means “to put up a fight against it”.

J. Expose sin

“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*.” (Ephesians 5:11)

“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.” (Isaiah 58:1)

“Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.” (I Timothy 5:20)

Reprove means “to expose”

V. What God does with our sins:

A. Washes them away (cleanses us):

“And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,” (Revelation 1:5)

B. Forgives us from them

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;” (Ephesians 1:7)

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:” (Colossians 1:14)

C. Puts them behind His back

“Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul *delivered it* from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.” (Isaiah 38:17)

Literally, “Between the shoulder blades”

D. Separates us from them as far as the east is 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 east and west never meet.

E. Cleanses them away

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” (I John 1:7)

F. Blots them out

“I, *even I, am* he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake...” (Isaiah 43:25a)

G. Forgets them out

“...and will not remember thy sins.” (Isaiah 43:25b)

Yes, God can do anything, even forget!

H. Justifies us from them

Justification is the judicial act of God whereby God declares the believing sinner not guilty, not only erasing the penalty for the crime, but seeing the believer as though he had never committed the crime.

“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.” (Romans 3:24-26)

I. Buries them in the deepest 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)

Some trenches in the ocean are considered to be 37,000 feet deep. That is deeper than Mount Everest is high!

J. Put them all on Jesus Christ

“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 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. 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 53:4-6)

“Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” (Isaiah 53:12)

“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.” (Hebrews 9:28)

“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.” (I Peter 2:24)

This was an act of God whereby all of the sin of the whole world was transferred from the guilty sinners and laid upon Jesus Christ. He then payed the sentence for sin, death, for every man. (Hebrews 2:9). Jesus has satisfied the payment of all mankind's sin but most men have not availed themselves of that redemption by putting their faith in Christ.

“Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;” (Romans 3:25)

“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)

Propitiation means “satisfaction”.