

His Wonderful Grace
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“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9 NKJV

“I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.” 1 John 2:12 KJV

Little Children in the Greek is “it’s term of endearment” literally my Dear little ones, or Dear ones”. Forgiven is in perfect tense meaning “once and for all” and “it need never be repeated”. The true Christianity, the gospel of Jesus Christ in its authentic essence is forgiveness-based and we are forgiven of all our sins. Many people are sick because they think there is some sin that’s not forgiven or confessed.

“Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.” James 5:14-15 KJV

The same power that heals your body remits your sins.

“Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.” At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, “This fellow is blaspheming!” Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, “Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “Get up, take your mat and go home.” Then the man got up and went home. When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man.” Matthew 9:2-8 NIV

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.” I John 1:8-10 NKJV

Sin singular is talking about sin nature. Sinned is talking about the flesh.

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29 NKJV

“And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.” I John 3:5 NKJV

“Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.”

I John 3:6-9 NKJV

See the Little children, this a parental term not a legal term.

“For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.” Hebrews 10:1-4 NKJV

They still had a sin consciousness, but Jesus removed our sin consciousness

“For by a single offering He has forever completely cleansed and perfected those who are consecrated and made holy.” Hebrews 10:14 AMPC

“Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews,

Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you.""
John 20:19 NKJV

Sunday and they were in fear of the Jews. They didn't seek him, He was seeking them. He appeared to them in their fear (sin).

Repentance is always a fresh revelation of HIMSELF. This was post resurrection. He said repent you guys! No He said, "Peace or Shalom". He showed them His divine receipt from heaven for a price paid in full. His side and hands.

"So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.""
John 20:21 NKJV

He spoke double peace on them again. He was not angry!

"And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."
John 20:22 NKJV

Who did He breathe on? Them that were in fear, those hiding and afraid. I thought they were out of fellowship.

"The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.""
John 20:25 NKJV

Thomas was in unbelief and fearful.

"And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!""
John 20:26 NKJV

From one Sunday to the next Sunday Thomas was unbelieving.

"Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.""

John 20:27 NKJV

He told Thomas to repent and confess his unbelief. Did He correct Thomas, yes. He said, "don't be unbelieving, but believing. He doesn't correct with sickness and disease. He corrects us with a fresh revelation of Himself. Repentance is a fresh revelation of Himself.

"And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" John 20:28 NKJV

Thomas had a fresh revelation of Him.

"Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29 NKJV

Blessed! Blessed! Blessed!

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