

# HOW SIN AFFECTS THE LOST AND THE SAVED

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The Bible contains many examples of God forgiving sinners. There is a distinction though, between judicial forgiveness and parental forgiveness. In some cases, the forgiveness given by God is final and absolute. In other cases, we see the sinner repeatedly going back to God for forgiveness and cleansing.

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## THE SUBJECTS WHO NEED FORGIVENESS

**Rom 3:23**     **LOST SINNERS.** All have sinned. All need God's forgiveness. God, the Judge will forgive repentant sinners. This is judicial forgiveness.

**1 Jn. 3:2**     **SAVED SINNERS.** "Sons of God" will seek God's parental forgiveness.

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## THE RELATIONSHIP TO GOD

**Psa 96:13**     As Judge, God will judge the people with His truth. His word (the Bible) is truth (Jn 17:17).

**Gal. 4:6-7**     If you are a child of God, God is your Father. He will treat you as His beloved child.

**Ezek 18:4, 20** Sinners must stand before God the Judge because they need forgiveness, or they'll die in their sins.

**1 Jn. 1:6-7**     When the child of God sins, they break fellowship with God the Father. To restore that fellowship, they must go to Him for forgiveness and cleansing.

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## THE ROLE OF JESUS CHRIST TOWARD ONE WHO SINS

**1 Tim 1:15**     **HE IS THE SAVIOR OF THE LOST SINNER.** God judges the sinner guilty. The role of Christ is to save the sinner.

**Heb 4:14-16**   **HE IS THE ADVOCATE OF THE CHILD OF GOD (1 John 2:1).** We can come boldly unto His throne of grace and obtain mercy. Jesus Christ stands before the Father in heaven and pleads with Him to forgive our transgressions and restore our fellowship with Him.

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## A COMPARISON OF OUR NEEDS

**Acts 16:31**     The **lost person** needs to receive the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved.

**Psa 51:10-12**   The **saved person** needs the restoration of their joy, happiness, excitement, and freedom that God gave them when they got saved.

- Sin will bind you up and keep you sinning in various ways until you repent and seek the Lord's forgiveness. That sin will cost you your fellowship with God.
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## THE METHOD (MEANS) OF FORGIVENESS

**Eph 2:8**     Salvation and forgiveness comes to the **lost person** by **faith**. **Believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved (Acts 16:31). Believe that Jesus died for your sins.

**1 Jn 1:9** People in the Body of Christ receive forgiveness by confessing each sin to God as they occur to restore and maintain fellowship with the Father.

- Until fellowship is restored, you may lose your health, your family, your money (prodigal son, Luke 15), even your mind (Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4:32).
- God will do whatever it takes to get you to turn back to Him. And those things you counted as gain, you will count as loss for Christ (Php 3:7).

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### **CONSEQUENCES THAT ARE AVERTED BY THE LORD'S FORGIVENESS**

**Jn 5:24** For the lost, condemnation in hell is prevented. We are passed from death unto life.

**Heb 12:3-11** For the child of God, if you seek His forgiveness, you can prevent His chastening and be a partaker of His holiness.

**1 Cor 11:28-32** If the child of God will judge themselves, they can avert weakness, sickness, and death.

**1 Cor 3:11-15** You can prevent the loss of rewards when you seek God's forgiveness.

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### **THE POSITIVE RESULT OF BEING FORGIVEN BY GOD**

**Col. 1:14** When a lost person seeks God's forgiveness and salvation, the blood of Christ redeems them and cleanses them of all sin.

- As far as God is concerned, your past sins are erased. He will never bring them up again. We should follow God's example and never dig up the past sins of our loved ones and use them against them in a quarrel. They are forgiven, now forget them.

**Psa. 32:5-6** Restored fellowship with God is the positive result of forgiveness for the child of God.

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### **CONCLUSION**

**Jn 13:4-10** If you have come to Jesus as your Judge, and sought His forgiveness, you are clean every whit (vs 10).

As you walk through this fallen world, you will get dirtied by the people you interact with and the activities you partake in. You need to get your feet washed (seek the Lord's forgiveness daily) to restore your fellowship with Him.

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