



Will God  
**FORGIVE**

Me?

# Examples of forgiveness

## Paul

- 1 Timothy 1:12-15
- Consider his former conduct  
Acts 7:58-60, 8:1-3, 9:1, etc.
- Acts 9 then records his conversion.  
Ananias sent to him and we see Paul is converted – Acts 9:18, 22:16

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Galatians 1:13-15,  
1 Corinthians 15:9

- BUT, he did not let it keep him from obeying the gospel, nor God forgiving him!

Acts 9:15-16, 22:16,  
Gal. 1:15-16, 1 Cor. 15:9-10,  
1 Timothy 1:14-16

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But he did not dwell on the past –  
**Philippians 3:12-14**

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## Manasseh

- 2 Kings 21
- After Hezekiah, he was one of Judah's most wicked kings:
  - He undid everything his father had done
  - Rebuilt the high places
  - Raised altars to Baal and worshipped host of heaven
  - Built idolatrous altars in the temple
  - Made his sons "pass through the fire"
  - Consulted mediums, practiced soothsaying

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- **2 Kings 21:6**, He did *“much evil in the sight of the LORD to provoke Him to anger.”*
- 21:9**, *But they paid no attention, and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than the nations whom the Lord had destroyed before the children of Israel.*
- 21:16**, *he shed much innocent blood...”*

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- **2 Kings 21:11-16**, as a result, the LORD determined that Judah and Jerusalem would fall.
- **2 Chronicles 33:1-9ff** – adds that he was taken into Assyrian captivity.

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- **2 Chronicles 33:12-13** – while in captivity he humbled himself greatly and prayed to God
- **33:14-16**, he is restored to power and reverses much of the damage he did. He also “commanded Judah to serve the LORD their God.”
- We find in him egregious conduct, but God forgave him.

God can WELCOME back one who returns!



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## Peter

- **Luke 5:8** – he begins with great humility.
- **Luke 22:31-34** – he declares he will NEVER deny the Lord  
**Luke 22:54-62** – but he does!
- Jesus would forgive and restore him –  
**John 21:15-23, See 1 Peter 1:3-5**

Examples of  
forgiveness

## The Prodigal Son

- **Luke 15:11-32** – a parable that describes how God is waiting for us to return, and when we do we are **RESORED** in His sight!  
Spoken in response to criticism that Jesus was receiving and eating with sinners (**Luke 15:1-2**)

Thoughts about  
forgiveness

God WANTS to  
forgive!

- **Isaiah 1:18-20** – as Israel is facing captivity, there is still a call to repentance and promise of restoration! Sadly, they did not listen
- **2 Peter 3:9**
- **1 Timothy 2:3-4**
- **Hebrews 7:25**
- **John 3:16**

Thoughts about  
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God has  
provided a way

- Romans 10:9-13 – Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!  
(Cf. Acts 2:21, Joel 2:28-32)
- If you have never obeyed the gospel –  
Acts 2:38, 22:16  
Galatians 3:27-28
- Even as a fallen Christian, you can return – 1 John 1:7-9, 2:1-3

# Thoughts about forgiveness

# God has provided a way

- NO matter who or where you are, God wants you to come to Him. You have opportunity.
- Yes, you MUST repent and surrender to Him, but He will accept you and restore you

2 Corinthians 2:6-7

cf. Galatians 6:1, James 5:19-20

## Thoughts about forgiveness

## The price He paid

- John 3:16  
Romans 5:6-9
- Jesus, willingly paid the price so that we could be forgiven  
Philippians 2:5-8  
Matthew 20:28
- NEVER forget what He endured for us on that cross and even before!

Thoughts about  
forgiveness

We cannot earn  
it!

- Forgiveness is NOT based on our merit!
- This is often what stands in our way! We FEEL that we do not deserve forgiveness.  
And, in a real sense, we do not!  
**Romans 6:23, 3:23**
- BUT God's gift is greater than our sins  
– **1 John 3:20, Titus 3:4-5**

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forgiveness

We cannot earn  
it!

- Must we repent? Yes!  
Acts 17:30-31, Luke 13:3 & 5,  
Acts 8:22
- But that does not dismiss God's  
grace. True repentance will come  
from your heart – cf. 1 John 1:7



## Thoughts about forgiveness

## Don't believe Satan's lie!!!

- It is Satan who tells you that you are unworthy and irredeemable.
- BUT he is your enemy!  
**1 Peter 5:8, John 8:44** – he is a liar, and the father of lies.
- BUT you do NOT have to listen to Him. You can overcome!  
**1 Peter 5:9, James 4:7**  
**Hebrews 2:14-15** – Jesus came to destroy his work and power

God loves us!

If we belong to Him,  
**NOTHING** can separate us from  
that love

**Romans 8:31-35**

God is willing and able to forgive  
you.

**Will you accept His forgiveness?**

How can we help!



Let us pray!