

BIBLICAL VERSES PROVE THAT GOD FREELY FORGIVES SIN WITHOUT PAYMENT FOR SIN

2 Corinthians 5:19 God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting our sins against us.

God was in Christ on the cross. Christ was rescuing the world from sin and death. Even though our sin offends God, He does not count our sins against us. God freely forgives all people of their sins. Jesus said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Forgiveness is not salvation. Salvation is our opportunity to receive Jesus and be rescued from sin and restored to God's design for life.

Christ defeated sin at the cross by His sinless death. The resurrected Jesus invites all people to come to Him and be restored to relationship with God through the new spiritual birth. We are saved by the life of Jesus lived out in us. We are saved by His life. Romans 5:10

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Jesus is the perfect revelation of the character of God. Every word and act of Jesus validates what God is really like. If Jesus doesn't retaliate, then God doesn't retaliate. If Jesus is forgiving, then God is forgiving.

God commands us to freely forgive one another without payment of the offense.

God was in Christ on the cross. God, in human form, demonstrated His love toward His creation. Jesus did not confront evil with violence and He did not retaliate. This means we don't have to be afraid and run from God. Jesus entered into this death to reveal the truth about God. Jesus died unprotected.

Jesus willingly died "sinless" to defeat sin as Second Adam. Jesus died to reveal the true character of God. God is love. God is trustworthy. God is forgiving. God is not angry with us. God allows us freedom to choose to love or to hate. God does not punish people. God allows us freedom to stay apart from Him and when we do the consequences of sin hurts us. God judges us when we persist in sin and turns us over to sin's consequences.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Sin is the killer of life. God does not kill and does not punish. God heals and restores life as we permit Him to do so. If we persist in sin, God shows respect toward our freedom to choose. God does not force people to come to Him. God allows people to succumb to their choice of sin. God's fire reveals truth and consumes all that is anti-life. Truth is not punishment but revelation. Sin is choosing to live in one's own strength and live in one's own wisdom. The only remedy to sin is to be born from above through Jesus Christ.