

THE FORGIVING OF SINS

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THE CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

Truth

Renaissance (14th–17th) – *humanism reigns*

- "the genius of man ... the unique and extraordinary ability of the human mind"
- Appraise ideas through a combination of reasoning and empirical evidence.





Reformation (1517–1648) – *Sola Scriptura*

- Inspiration
- Divine Authority
- Clarity
- Efficacy
- Sufficiency – The Bible contains everything to obtain salvation.



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Theology		
Creation	Fall	Redemption
Cosmology	Hamartiology	Soteriology

"[A Christ-centered worldview] involves three fundamental dimensions: the original good creation, the perversion of that creation through sin, and the restoration of that creation in Christ."
(Albert Wolters, Creation Regained)

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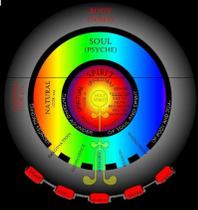
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- The definition of sin.
 - Missing the mark.*
 - An inner desire to be God – producing outward acts

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- The totality of the fall included body, soul (mind, will, and emotions), and spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:23)



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- Sin and Sins.
 - "sins" verses "sin" – am I a sinner because I sin or do I sin because I am a sinner?
 - Sins* – activity: what I do is wrong.
 - Sin* – constitution: what I am is wrong.



REVIEW:

"At the beginning of our Christian life we are concerned with our doing, not with our being; we are distressed rather by what we have done than by what we are. We think that if only we could rectify certain things we should be good Christians, and we set out therefore to change our actions. But the result is not what we expected. We discover to our dismay that it is something more than just a case of trouble on the outside – that there is in fact more serious trouble inside. We try to please the Lord, but find something within that does not want to please Him." (Nee – *The Normal Christian Life*)



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- Sins*: my actions – what I did, do, am doing is wrong
 - Romans 1:1-5:11** deals with "sins" committed against God.
 - Acts committed against the Character of God.
 - Romans 3:23** – "for all have sinned"
 - Why do I commit *sins* against God?
 - Because what I *am* is wrong!
 - I have a sin nature – because I am "in Adam"
 - Romans 5:12-8:39** deals with the sin nature.
 - The fruit (sins) are evidence of the root (sin).*
 - How's that sin management working out?



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God has one answer to every human need – His Son. In all His dealings with us, He works by taking us out of the way and substituting Christ in our place.

- How does the broken condition of humanity (**Rom. 3:23; 5:12**) get fixed?
 - One word: *justification* – God's act of declaring or making a sinner *righteous* before Him – **Rom 5:1**
 - Righteous*: *being* pleasing to God; having worth and value.



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3. What is the grounds then for my justification?
 - What it is not:
 - I'm not righteous because of what I do:
 - Isaiah 64:6, Romans 10:3; Galatians 2:21
 - Not on the basis of the law:
 - Rom 3:20; 4:15; 5:20
 - How's your karma?
 - What it is:
 - The shed blood of Christ is the only grounds of our justification – Hebrews 9:22; Romans 5:8,9
 - Justification is a gift of God, not of us! – Romans 5:17.

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"If God has accepted the Blood as a payment for our sins and as the price of our redemption, then we can rest assured that the debt has been paid. If God is satisfied with the Blood, then the Blood must be acceptable. Our valuation of it is only according to His valuation—neither more nor less. It cannot, of course, be more, but it must not be less. Let us remember that He is holy and He is righteous, and that a holy and righteous God has the right to say that the Blood is acceptable in His eyes and has fully satisfied Him." (Nee – *The Normal Christian Life*)

- Romans 8:33,34; 8:31

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5. Justification restores our relationship with God and allows Him to work in us.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17, 21
- How can one tell if he or she is truly justified?
 - Romans 5:17
- So how's that karma thing working for you?