

# THE ASCENT

PSALMS 120-134

PART 12

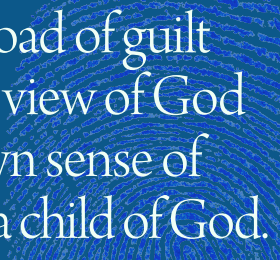
*Good Thing God  
Doesn't Keep Lists*

## Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

One of the greatest barriers  
to *fruitful* and *joyful*  
discipleship is...

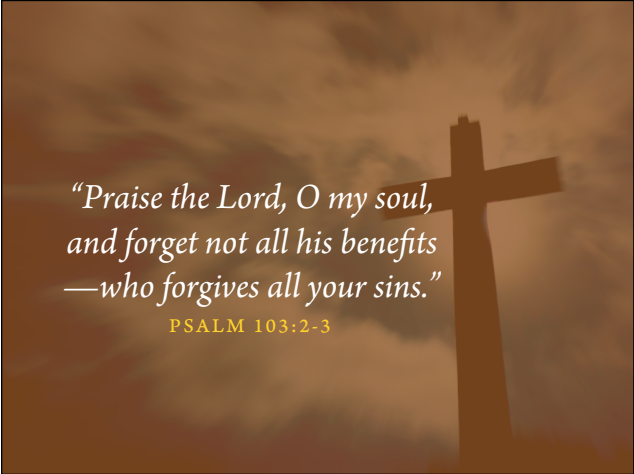
...the *guilt* we carry over sin.



Carrying a load of guilt  
clouds your view of God  
and your own sense of  
**identity** as a child of God.

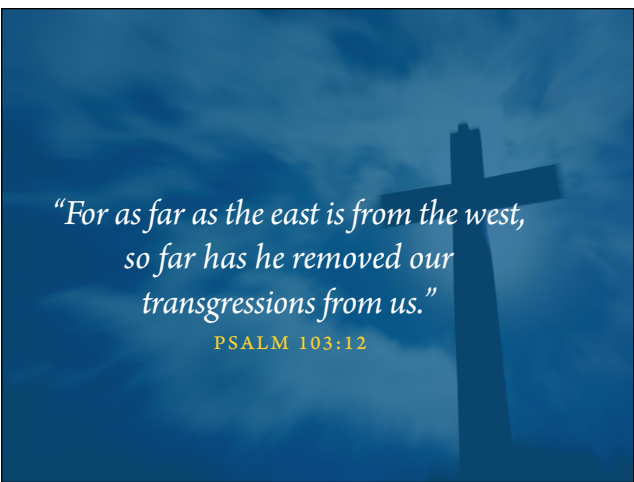


God doesn't keep list of sins  
***neither should you!***




*"Praise the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits  
—who forgives all your sins."*

PSALM 103:2-3



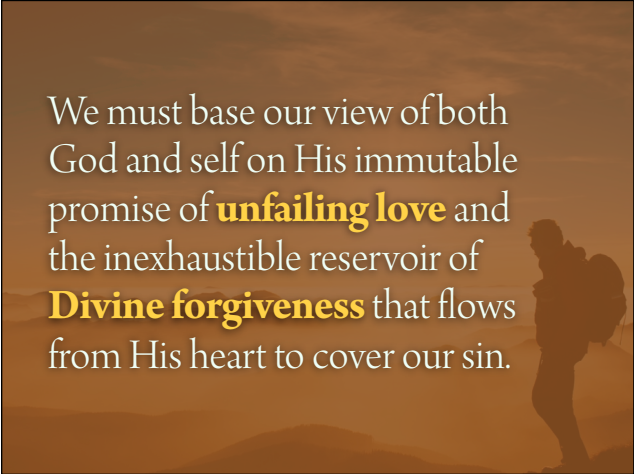
*“For as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our  
transgressions from us.”*

PSALM 103:12



*“I—yes, I alone—will blot out your sins  
for my own sake and will never  
think of them again.”*

ISAIAH 43:25 (NLT)



We must base our view of both  
God and self on His immutable  
promise of **unfailing love** and  
the inexhaustible reservoir of  
**Divine forgiveness** that flows  
from His heart to cover our sin.

# ONE

God forgives us **instantly**

*"Let the wicked leave their way of life and change their way of thinking. Let them turn to the Lord our God; he is merciful and **quick to forgive.**" (TEV)*

ISAIAH 55:7

*"Their sins... I will remember no more."*

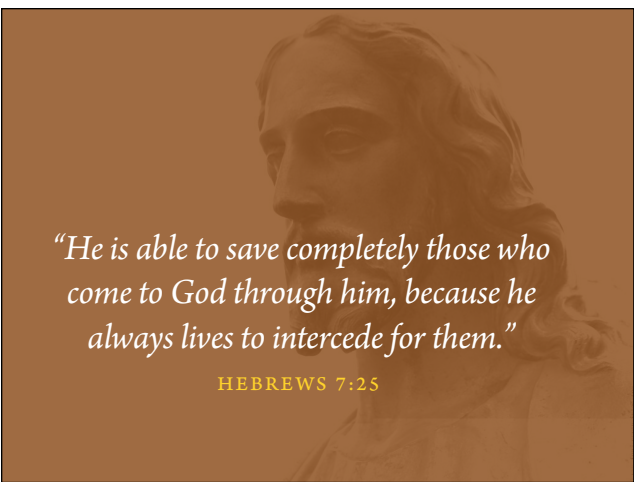
HEBREWS 10:17

# TWO

God forgives us **willingly**

*"You are a God of forgiveness, **always ready to pardon,** gracious and merciful ... full of love."*

NEHEMIAH 9:17




*“He is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.”*

HEBREWS 7:25

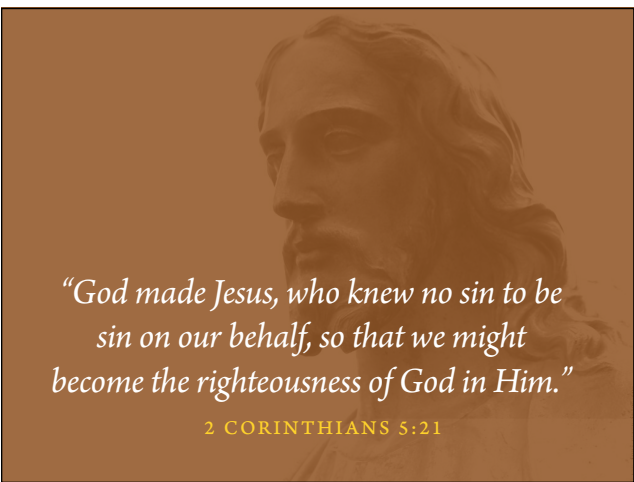
# THREE

God forgives us **completely**



*“You were dead because of your sins ... Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave **all our sins**. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.”*

COLOSSIANS 2:13-14



*“God made Jesus, who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

# FOUR

God forgives us **freely**

*"All have sinned and fall short of God's glory, and are justified **freely** by his grace through the redemption that came by Jesus."*

ROMANS 3:23-24

A photograph of a sunset over a sea of clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and long rays of light that illuminate the clouds below. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue.


You cannot earn what has already been purchased.

# FIVE

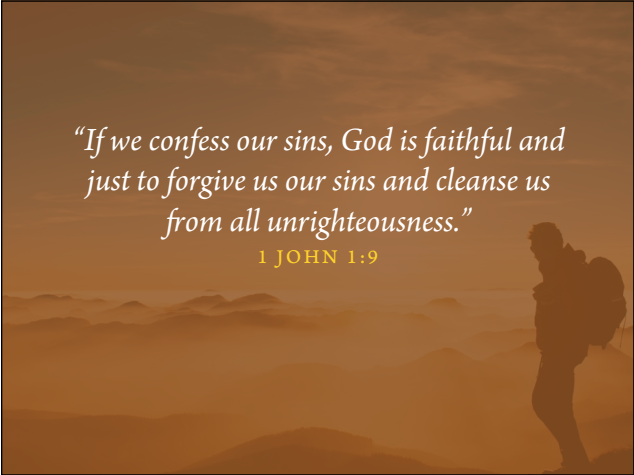
God forgives us **continually**

*"If we live in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, **cleanses** us from all sin."*

1 JOHN 1:7

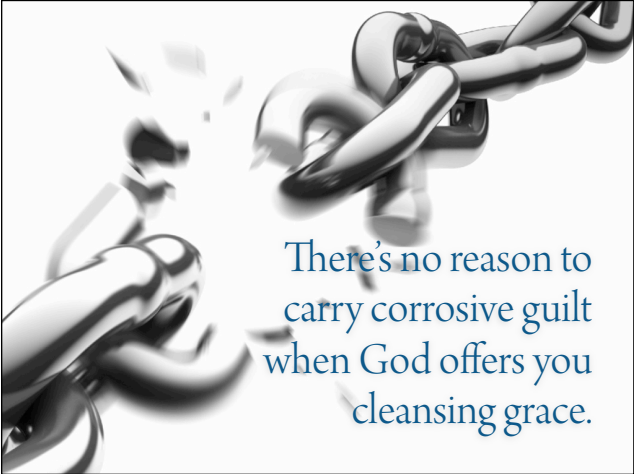


Christ's blood not only  
forgives you right now,  
but it removes your sin  
for good.

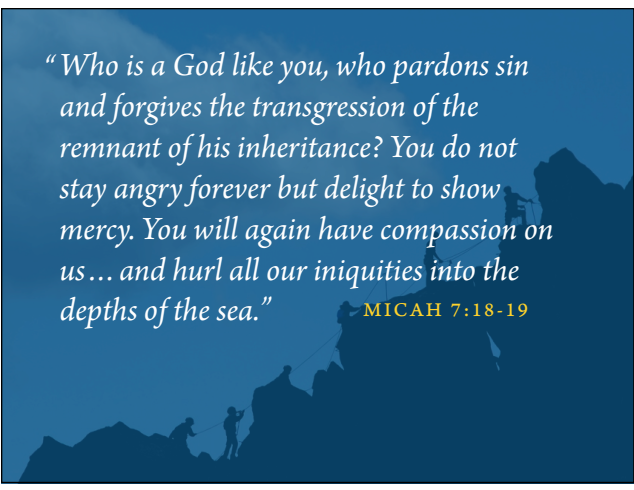


*"If we confess our sins, God is faithful and  
just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us  
from all unrighteousness."*

1 JOHN 1:9



There's no reason to  
carry corrosive guilt  
when God offers you  
cleansing grace.



*“Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us... and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.”*

MICAH 7:18-19



*“Mercy is your specialty!”*