

The Joy of Forgiveness

[Acts 13: 38](#) *Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.*

[Acts 13: 39](#) *Through him, everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.*

What is Sin?

1. Any activity or thoughts that are opposed to the will of God is sin, a transgression of God's law. ([1 John 3:4-5](#), [James 4:17](#))
2. Sin is lawlessness, and unrighteousness, and through it we rebel against God. ([Deuteronomy 9:7](#); [Job 13:23](#))
3. The penalty of Sin is death. ([Genesis 2:17](#); [Romans 6:23](#))

3 types of Sin

1. Imputed Sin through Adam. ([Romans 5:12](#); [1 Corinthians 15:22](#))
2. Inherited Sin/Old Sin Nature. ([Romans 7:17](#); [Romans 13:14](#))
3. Personal Sin. ([1 John 1:8](#))

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OT Sacrifices Covered Sin

1. Throughout the Old Testament, blood was spilled in response to sin.
2. There was a protocol to dealing with Sin.
 - 1) Sins were to be confessed to God. ([Psalm 32:5](#), [Proverbs 28:13](#))
 - 2) Presentation of Sin Offering ([Leviticus 4:27-35](#)). Note the word *forgiveness* in both [the Old Testament](#) and [in the New Testament](#).
 - 3) National confession and cleansing. ([Leviticus 26:40](#), [Dan. 9:4-20](#))

The Ultimate Solution to Sin

1. Israel was told of the plan to pay for our sin through Prophecy. ([Isaiah 53:12](#))
2. Jesus was born, completely God and completely man, knowing that His life would end in His death as payment for the sins of the world. ([Matthew 16:21](#); [Mark 8:31](#))
3. Jesus was the unblemished, perfect lamb to be sacrificed for the Sins of man. ([1 Peter 1:19](#))
4. The work of Christ on the cross paid for all sins. ([1 John 2:2](#))
5. Forgiveness comes from belief in the Lord, in that His sacrifice paid your debt. ([John 3:36](#))
6. Nothing man has done or will do could come close to earning entry to heaven. It is a gift from God, to the undeserved. ([Ephesians 2:8-9](#))