

The Forgiveness of Sin

Text: For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. (Romans 10:4)

Question: What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

Answer: I believe that God, because of Christ’s satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature against which I need to struggle all my life. Rather, by His grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ that I may never come into judgment.

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen

Intro:

I. The Forgiveness of Sin

Sin - “...sin is lawlessness.” (1 John 3:4)

Guilt

Punishment

Forgiveness

II. Our Text

Seeking righteousness, but how?

Christ's righteousness

Question: *How are you righteous before God?*

Answer: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me, if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.

III. What sins are forgiven?

Romans 8:1; 30-34

Romans 5:1-2

Matthew 6:14

1 John 1:9

James 5:15

The question (1 John 2:19)

Application 1: Are Your Sins Forgiven?

Application 2: My Sins are Forgiven