

## Using the Holy Bible to Teach about Repentance and Forgiveness

The Holy Bible should be the guide when teaching about repentance and forgiveness.

### Using Jesus/Yeshua as a Role Model for Forgiveness when He was Crucified on the Cross

And when they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. But Jesus was saying, "**Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.**" And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves (**Luke 23:33-34**). In essence, "we are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus (**Galatians 4:1**)."  
Jesus Christ/Yeshua died for ALL of mankind. **Here are 8 questions that address repentance and forgiveness:**

1. **Why should you repent?** Sin and Iniquity are still serious. You should confess & repent because sin still separates you from enjoying the full fellowship with our Heavenly Father and his son, Jesus Christ/Yeshua (**1 John 1**). "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (**1 John 1:9**). "We have fellowship one with another & the blood of Jesus Christ/Yeshua his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (**1 John 1:7**).
2. **What are the sins that you should confess and repent that defile man;** And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man (**Mark 7:20-23**). We tend to think that doing wrong is sin. Sin is also not doing right. Think of the sins that you committed intentionally, unintentionally, or your reaction to a wrongful act or injustice, which may be causing you pain, a hardened heart, sickness or disease.

**Here are several sin-related scriptures:** Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation (**Mark 3:28-29**). **Matthew 12:31-32** also explains the only unpardonable sin.

You should confess of your iniquity & generational iniquity (**Leviticus 26:40-41**).

Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin (**James 4:17**).

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God (**1 Corinthians 6:9-10**).

But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (**Revelation 21:8**).

Jesus said, "of sin, because they believe not on me" (**John 16:9**).

For this ye know, that no whoremonger, no unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ & of God (**Ephesians 5:5**).

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, & such like; of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God (**Galatians 5:19-22**).

**There are various scriptures that identify curses listed in Deuteronomy chapters 27 and 28.**

3. **Why should you forgive others?** "For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions" (**Matthew 6:14-15**). "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." (**Mark 11:25-26**).
4. **How can you forgive others?** 2 ways that you can forgive others: (1) by praying & releasing that person to God or (2) by confronting the offender/perpetuator and ask for forgiveness as stated in Luke 17:3, "if he repents. "So watch yourselves. "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him."
5. **How many times should you forgive?**  
Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"  
Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven" (**Matthew 18:21-22**).
6. **How to Treat Your Enemies**  
"But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head" (**Romans 12:20**).
7. **Love, Bless, and Pray for Your Enemies**  
"But I say to you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them, which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (**Matthew 5:44**).
8. **Other Scriptures**  
"Be angry and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil" (**Ephesians 4:26-27**).  
"I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." (**Matthew 12:36-37**)

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil." (**Matthew 12:33-35**)