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<sup>46</sup> and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

**Question:** Why do we need to be saved?

**Focal Truth:** When sin is forgiven, we are saved from our sin-debt to God.

1. Everyone owes a sin-debt to God.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Matt. 6:12

...having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Col. 2:14

# 1. Everyone owes a sin-debt to God.

- Sin-debt is owed to God for our disobedience to Him.
- Sinners are guilty of sin-debt to God they cannot pay.
- Sinners are accountable to God for their sin-debt.
- Unpaid sin-debt leads to eternal death and judgment from God.

2. Everyone needs forgiveness from their sin-debt to God.

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“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed.” Luke 4:18

What is forgiveness? - it is to release,  
send away, to remove

- Forgiveness of sin is God lifting away sin. -  
Job 7:21
- Forgiveness of sin is God covering sin. -  
Ps. 85:2
- Forgiveness of sin is God wiping away sin. -  
Col. 2:14
- Forgiveness of sin is God throwing sins  
away. - Mic. 7:19
- Forgiveness of sin is God forgetting sins. -  
Heb. 8:12

3. The Lord Jesus Christ has the power and authority to forgive your sin-debt.

And Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic... Mark 2:5,10

4. Whoever repents and believes in the Lord Jesus Christ is saved – forgiven of their sin-debt.

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....And there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume, and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume.

Luke 7:37-38



## 5. The blessedness of forgiveness

- Once forgiven, always forgiven.
- Once forgiven, always forgotten.
- Once forgiven, reunited to God.
- Once forgiven, favored by God.
- Once forgiven, fearless of death.
- Once forgiven, devoted to the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Daily Use:

- We need to be forgiven to be saved from sins.
- Seek forgiveness with God by faith in Jesus Christ.
- How will you enter heaven without having your sin forgiven?
- Unforgiven sinners face eternal death and judgement.



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