

How God Got Rid of Our Sins

The gospel is wonderfully simple and simply wonderful. It is the doing, dying and rising again of the God/Man, Jesus the Christ. As a result of the gospel, God is glorified. The work of the cross was and is both finished and successful. As proof of this, we have a glorified saviour now seated in cosmic authority. Because of His accomplishments, we are safe!

So, let's briefly ask. What has He done about the believer's sins?

We are blessed because God has taken greatest pains, in His Word, to show how completely He has dealt with our sins.

In Psalm 103:12, we read,

"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

Who can tell us how far that is? Where is the east? Where is the west? There is a north pole and a south pole, but there is neither east nor west pole. East is everywhere one way, and West is everywhere the opposite direction. No matter where we are on the globe there is still an east and a west. If the earth was flat and two birds flew off, one to the east the other to the west, and keep on flying in a straight line, the farther they flew the farther they would be from one another. Our transgressions are like that. They are entirely removed from us.

We are safe!

In Isaiah 38:17, we read, "You have cast all my sins behind your back." What a precious passage to assure us that God no longer sees our sins. Who can see behind His back? No one. He no longer sees our sins. He Himself hurled them behind His back ... And not some of our sins ... all of them.

Every sin in thought, word, or deed.

Every secret sin.

Every presumptuous sin.

All our sin!

To cast behind one's back is a figure of speech meaning "to forget, to lose sight of, to exclude from view." The expression is used to denote the most complete and contemptuous rejection of a person or thing. In ancient days, if the king expelled a person from the royal court, he was said to have cast that person behind his back. In other words, the King fully removed that person from his court and treated him with sovereign contempt.

When the Lord says, therefore, that our sins are cast behind His back that means they are entirely gone.

We are safe!

In Micah 7:19 we read, " You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." Again, we find it is His work. He Himself cast them there. Not simply into the sea, but into the depths of the sea. If a person onboard a ship empties some coins over the ship's side, how much of it he will get back

again? Not a red cent or farthing. All the coins would go down into the depths. So also, with our sins. God casts them, great and small, into the depths of the sea, never to be brought back again.

We are safe!

In Isaiah 44:22 we read, "*I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, your transgressions, and, as a cloud, your sins.*" Have you looked at the sky recently? There was a cloud there yesterday, a majestic one. Where is it today? ... It is gone! And so it is with our sins. One day our sins rise up as a thick cloud between us and God, but God Himself blots them out because of the blood of Christ!

We are safe!

What about you? Has God blotted out your sins?

In Isaiah 1:18, we read, " Though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Though scarlet and crimson (two of the most difficult of colours to destroy), God Himself can take our sins and make them white as snow.

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The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7). What lengths God has gone to get rid of our sin! (see also Hebrews 10: 17, Ephesians 1:7; Romans 4:7-8). God assures us He will remember our sins no more. He forgives us according to the riches of His grace. Who can compute this kind of mercy?

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