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JESUS SETS FREE FROM SIN

John 8: 1-11

After man fell into sin in the Garden of Eden, his most important need was the forgiveness of sin - **Rom.3: 23**.

Unfortunately, there was nothing we could do to earn such forgiveness before God - **Isa.64: 6**.

The main reason then why Jesus Christ came into the world is to offer us forgiveness and set free us from sin - **Matt.1: 21; 1Jn.3: 8b**.

God forgave men before Jesus Christ came into the world but nobody could claim it as a right e.g. Jacob (Gen.32) and Rahab, the Harlot (Josh.2 & 6). **Exod.33: 19**.

However, in Christ Jesus, we have a sure ground for forgiveness - **Jn.8: 36**.

Like the Jews, many still understand this fact of life - **Lk.7: 48-49**.

However, having sacrificed Himself and paid the ultimate price for our sin, the only ground for God's forgiveness now is in Christ Jesus - **Jn.15: 13; Rom.5: 7-8**.

All we have to do now in order to be forgiven and be set from sin is simply believe and receive Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Saviour - **Jn.1: 12; Acts 16: 31**.

Steps to Freedom From Sin:

In order to be forgiven and be free from sin, the Lord expects us to follow these simple steps:

1. Admit your sins - **Rom.3: 23**.
2. Believe Jesus Christ already paid the price and so can forgive and free us from sin - **Jn.1: 12**.

3. Confess your sins to God - **Prov.28: 13; Jn.1: 8-9.**

4. Ask the Lord in prayer for forgiveness of your sins - **Matt.7: 7-8.**

5. Believe and receive forgiveness from God - **Mk.11: 24.**

6. Repent or turn away from your sin - **Matt.4: 17; Rom.6: 1-2; Eph.4: 28.**

Don't make a habit of sin but repent of it. To repent is to turn and run away from sin - **1Cor.6: 18; 10: 24; 2Tim.2: 22a.**

7. Some sins require confessing to those we have wronged and sometimes require restitution also e.g. Zacchaeus in **Lk.19.**

However, we must understand that the reason why we confess our sins to men is not to force their forgiveness but to settle ourselves with God.

Conclusion:

It is the same process for everybody (new and old Christians). Although, we must not make a habit of sin, but if you sin ten times, you must also confess and repent ten times (e.g. A child soiling his/her dress) - **1Jn.2: 1.**

We should repent as soon as possible also as there is no repentance in the grave. We must learn to maintain a short account with God at all times.