



# “Accepting His Forgiveness” Aug 28, 2024

- I. **John 2:1-2**
  - A. Jesus is Your Advocate
    1. He is your intercessor...the one who bridges the gap...the one who stands up for you!
    2. **Romans 8:31-34**
      - From a legal point of view...Jesus is your attorney...He represents you before your condemner and the Great Judge.
      - The best thing you can do is allow your attorney to speak for you (how many times have we tried to fix things with our words and Jesus just says, “Let me handle this.”?)
  - B. Propitiation
    1. Simple definition: Atonement
    2. What is atonement? The satisfaction or reparation for a wrong or injury.
    3. Jesus paid the price (with His own blood) for your sins. All have sinned...**Ecclesiastes 7:20**
- II. How do I receive forgiveness and why is it so important?
  - A. **Hebrews 4:14-16**
    1. When we mess up (get in strife, hold ill feelings toward someone, say an idle word), IMMEDIATELY come to the Father through Jesus and ask Him for forgiveness : *“Father, I come to you in the name of Jesus...and I ask you for forgiveness for \_\_\_\_\_ (wrong done), and I seal it now with the blood that Jesus shed for me. I receive your forgiveness and I seal it in Jesus Name!”*
    2. Don’t put off the most important thing that you need....You see, Sin simply separates you from a relationship with God, but when you confess it, God forgives you and the relationship is restored.
  - B. Is it that important?
    1. The Bible reminds us to *“Neither give place to the devil.” (Ephesians 4:27).*
    2. **II Timothy 2:24-26** *“Recover yourself from the enemy...that took you captive at his will.”*
    3. **James 5:16** *“Confess your faults one to another that you may be healed.”*
    4. When you allow things hang around, it can leave an open door to the enemy.
  - C. How many times will God forgive me?
    1. His mercy is immeasurable....but...
    2. We should not look to His mercy as the “Get out of Jail Free Card.”  
Repentance means to turn from it...but if you do miss it, just come running and seal your life with His love and His blood!