

The 17th Gift: Forgiveness of Sin

Genesis 2: 14-17

The Opportunity for forgiveness of Sin!

- I. **What is Sin?** OT Sin: the first mention is in Genesis 4: 7 “If thou doeth not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire...” sin – 2403 – **offense**.

NT Sin: the first mention is in John 1: 29 Jesus will take away the sin of the world – 266 – **offense**.

Adam and Eve modeled this building of the fence between them and God!

Cain modeled this fence building! (Genesis 2)

Why does it need forgiveness? **To remove the fence!**

When we are on the other side of the fence:

- We are in Fear
- We Flee
- We Blame
- We are separated – Alienated from God’s goodness, blessings, peace, Grace (God’s Favor) We become aliens!
- We live in Envy, Sorrow, Separation
- We suffer task masters “He shall rule over you!” Genesis 3: 16
- We endure a cursed ground Genesis 3: 19
- We endure the thorns of life
- Our future is death – into the ground from which we came.

Noah Found Grace in the eyes of the LORD, not forgiveness but Grace (Favor)

Therefore we are alienated/ Fenced off from God!

II. **God Rejects Sin – Sin is a big deal with God because it is a fence separating Him from his creation!**

Deuteronomy 25: 16 “For all that do such things, and all that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto the Lord thy God.”

Psalms 11: 5 The LORD trieth the righteousness but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.”

Proverbs 15: 8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD:

Proverbs 21: 27 “The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind.”

Numbers 14: 26 “And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron saying How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard.

Therefore the state of Adam’s children are left in:

An alienated State, Alienated from God, Peace, Eternal life, Freedom, Abilities, Future (to dust thou shalt return). Everything is left uncertain!

Even after Moses delivered the Israelites they were struggling!

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 – Moses last words to them –

But God sent His only Begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life!

Matthew 1: 21 “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save his people from their sins. Again – 266 – offences

Luke 2: 10-11 “And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And when Jesus came preaching His first words were, “**Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.**”

Why? Because the garden of God was lost but now the Kingdom of Heaven will come down and will be offered to all who will repent from their offence and return to God.

Luke 13: 22 the disciples asked him, are there few that be saved? (Vs 23)

Then in Luke 13: 35 Jesus wept because those he came to save rejected Him and would remain in a state of destruction without their repentance and removal of the fence!

Paul told the Philippian Jailer in Acts 16: 31 “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **thou shalt be saved**, and thy house.”

Matthew 7: 21 -23 Many will say to me on that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, **ye that work iniquity** – 458 – lawlessness (are not in repentance) **ye are still in offense!**

Matthew 25: 41 “Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, **Depart from me, ye cursed** – **(one in ruin)** into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels” Why? ***Because you are still on the other side off the fence and it shows in your actions...***

We are given a great gift and that is to be forgiven of our sin (state of offence)and put in right standings with God!

If we do not get forgiveness these words will be said about us:

Revelation 22: 11 “he that is unjust, let him be unjust still: he that is filthy, let him be filthy still... Vs 12, 13, 14