

FORGIVENESS

Definitions	God and Forgiveness
<p><u>Hebrew</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • forgiveness (noun) (Neh 9:17; Dan 9:9; Ps 130:3-4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5547 סְלִיחָה <i>slīḥāh</i> = pardon = the removal of guilt from wrongdoing = used only of God in the OT, never of people forgiving each other • to forgive (verb) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5545 סָלַח <i>sallach</i> (1 Kin 8:30; Ps 25:11, 86:5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> = to be ready to pardon guilt and restore relationship = an act of the Lord's lovingkindness 3722 כָּפַר <i>kaphar</i> (Ps 79:9; Isa 6:7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> = to cover, to purge, to make atonement 5375 נָשָׂא <i>nasa</i> (Ps 25:18; Isa 53:12) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> = to bear, to take away, to carry off, forgive = to remove guilt incurred and its penalty <p><u>Greek</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • forgiveness (noun) (Matt 26:28; Acts 10:43) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 859 ἄφεσις <i>aphesis</i> = pardon of sins (letting them go as if they had never been committed) = remission of the penalty • to forgive (verb) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 863 ἀφίημι <i>aphiemi</i> (1 John 1:9, 2:12) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> = to let go, cancel a debt, to forgive, remit = the focus is upon the guilt of the wrongdoing rather than on the wrongdoing itself = the event of the sin is not undone, but the resulting guilt is pardoned 5483 χαρίζομαι <i>charizomai</i> (Eph 4:32; Col 2:13) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> = to show oneself gracious, kind, benevolent = to freely grant the favour of forgiveness 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God is the one who gives forgiveness of sin, iniquity and transgressions to those who love Him and keep His commandments 2. God will by no means leave the guilty, those who hate Him, unpunished (Exo 34:6-7; Num 14:18; Deut 7:9-10) 3. God forgives us, His people, for His own sake and for Jesus' name's sake = for the sake of His glory (Isa 43:25; 1 John 1:12) 4. Forgiveness is in or through the redemption in Jesus' blood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → He is the Lamb of God that takes sin away → He paid the price in full = "Tetelestai!" (Eph 1:7; Col 1:13-14; Jn 1:29; 1 Jn 3:5; Jn 19:30; Col 2:13-14) 5. Jesus is also the scapegoat who carries the sins of His people away on the day of atonement (Lev 16:7-10, 21-22) 6. God delights in forgiving His people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → He <u>treads underfoot</u> their iniquities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3533 כָּבַשׁ <i>kabash</i> = to subject, subdue, bring into bondage → He <u>casts</u> their sins behind His back into the depths of the sea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7993 שָׁלַח <i>shalach</i> = to throw, cast, hurl, fling → He <u>wipes out</u> their transgressions like a thick cloud and like a heavy mist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4229 מָחָה <i>machah</i> = to wipe, blot out, obliterate, exterminate → He <u>remembers</u> their sins no more <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2142 זָכַר <i>zachar</i> = to recall, call to mind, to mention (Micah 7:18-19; Isa 38:17, 44:22; 43:25; Jer 31:34; Heb 10:17) 7. How blessed is the one whose sin is forgiven! (Ps 32:1; Rom 4:7-8)