

19) What do we call this act of bringing us back to God?

20) How can this promise help you to accept the reality that your sins are forgiven?

Hebrews 10:10-12 (ESV) ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

21) Why did the priests need to offer daily sacrifices?

22) How many sacrifices did Jesus need to make?

23) How are we sanctified through the body of Christ?

24) How can this promise help you to accept the reality that your sins are forgiven?

25) Which of **Five Aspects of Christ's Saving Work** are the most meaningful/helpful for you?

Releasing Ourselves from Sin

“Despite a hundred sermons on forgiveness, we do not forgive easily, nor find ourselves easily forgiven. Forgiveness, we discover, is always harder than the sermons make it out to be,” writes Elizabeth O’Conner.

1) Why do you think it is so hard to forgive others?

2) Why do you think it is so hard to forgive ourselves?

This mortifying of sin through the Spirit is accomplished on this wise: Man recognizes his sin at once repents, remembers God’s Word, and, through faith in the forgiveness of sins, strengthens himself against sin, and so resists it that he does not consent to it nor permit it to come to deeds.—Sermons of Martin Luther Vol 8

3) How easy it is to recognize our own sin?

4) What obstacles get in the way of our recognizing our own sin?

5) How well do you know the promises of God regarding your forgiveness?

6) Why is it hard to apply these promises to ourselves?

Five Aspects of Christ's Saving Work

1 Peter 1:18-19 (GW) ¹⁸ Realize that you weren't set free from the worthless life handed down to you from your ancestors by a payment of silver or gold which can be destroyed. ¹⁹ Rather, the payment that freed you was the precious blood of Christ, the lamb with no defects or imperfections.

7) Why does Peter call your life before Christ worthless? Worthless in what way?

8) With what were you set free?

9) What do we call this ransoming act of Jesus?

10) How can this promise help you to accept the reality that your sins are forgiven?

1 John 2:1-2 (ESV) My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

11) What does having Jesus as our advocate mean?

12) What does propitiation mean?

13) How can this promise help you to accept the reality that your sins are forgiven?

Romans 3:2-26 (ESV) ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

14) How do we get the righteousness of God according to these verses?

15) What do we call this act of justifying us?

16) How can this promise help you to accept the reality that your sins are forgiven?

Colossians 1:21-23 (ESV) ²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

17) Why were we alienated from God?

18) How were we brought back to God?