

THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS

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LUKE 1:76-77

"And you, my little son, will be called the prophet of the Most High, because you will prepare the way for the Lord. You will tell his people how to find salvation through forgiveness of their sins.

LUKE 3:3-6

Then John went from place to place on both sides of the Jordan River, preaching that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. ⁴ Isaiah had spoken of John when he said, "He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord's coming! Clear the road for him! The valleys will be filled, and the mountains and hills made level. The curves will be straightened, and the rough places made smooth. And then all people will see the salvation sent from God."

PSALM 51:5

For I was born a sinner-yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

ROMANS 5:12

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned-

ROMANS 5:8

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

JHN 15:13 (NKJV)	
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MATTHEW 6:11-12

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

FOUR REASONS YOU NEED TO SEEK GOD'S FORGIVENESS

1. God's forgiveness is immediate

1 JOHN 1:9 (NKJV)

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2. Asking for forgiveness gives you a fresh start

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

Asking for forgiveness from God helps you to forgive others

EPHESIANS 4:31-32

Let all bitterness, anger and wrath, shouting and slander be removed from you, along with all malice. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

4. Asking for forgiveness is necessary to your salvation

EPHESIANS 1:7-8 (CSB)

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, that he richly poured out on us with all wisdom and understanding.



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