

## HOW CAN I RECEIVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS?

Loved & Forgiven #2  
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*“Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died.”*  
(Mark 16:7, NLT)

### GOD FORGIVES SO THAT WE CAN LIVE IN GRACE.

*“Greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.”* (Romans 5:17, NLT)

#### 1. God forgives specifically.

*“I write this, dear children, to guide you out of sin. But if anyone does sin, we have a Priest-Friend in the presence of the Father: Jesus Christ, righteous Jesus.”* (1 John 2:1, Message)

#### 2. God forgives instantly.

*“God ... is merciful and quick to forgive.”* (Isaiah 55:7, GN)

#### 3. God forgives completely.

*“All sins forgiven, the slate wiped clean, that old arrest warrant canceled and nailed to Christ's cross.”* (Colossians 2:13–14, Message)

#### 4. God forgives repeatedly.

*“In keeping with your magnificent, unfailing love, please pardon the sins of this people, just as you have forgiven them ever since they left Egypt.”*  
(Numbers 14:19, NLT)

*“He is able to save completely all who come to God through him. Since he will live forever, he will always be there to remind God that he has paid for their sins with his blood.” (Hebrews 7:25, LB)*

**5. God forgives freely.**

*“The wicked should stop doing wrong, and they should stop their evil thoughts. They should return to the LORD so he may have mercy on them. They should come to our God, because he will freely forgive them.” (Isaiah 55:7, NCV)*

*“...The Lord has [freely] forgiven you, so must you also [forgive].” (Colossians 3:13, AMP)*

**CREDIBILITY WITH MYSELF**

**1. I let the Holy Spirit change my way of thinking.**

*“You were told that your foolish desires will destroy you and that you must give up your old way of life with all its bad habits. Let the Spirit change your way of thinking” (Ephesians 4:22–23, CEV)*

**2. God will help me build a wonder-full life.**

*“For the LORD God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory. The LORD will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right.” (Psalm 84:11, NLT)*

*“David encouraged and strengthened himself in the Lord his God.” (1 Samuel 30:6c, AMP)*

**3. My identity is in found in Jesus Christ.**

*“But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1:12, NLT)*

- a. I am accepted.**
- b. I am loved.**
- c. I am forgiven.**
- d. I am capable.**

*“I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ’s sufficiency].”*  
(Philippians 4:13, AMP)