

**SUMMARY:** Forgiveness of sins is God's choosing not to hold a violation of God's law against the individual that committed the violation. There was forgiveness of sins under the old law as well as in the New Testament.

**CONVENTIONAL WISDOM:**

The blood of Jesus Christ washes forward to forgive our sins and because there was no forgiveness of sins under the Old Law, the blood of Jesus Christ washes backwards to forgive the sins of the Jews – there is power in the blood to wash your sins away.

**SONG BOOK THEOLOGY:**

“What can wash my sins away, nothing but the blood of Jesus” 902

“There's power in the blood” 903

“Are you washed in the blood of the lamb” 904

**WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS:**

**FORGIVENESS OF SINS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**

Lev. 4:20, 4:26, 4:31, 4:35, 5:10, 5:16, 5:18, & 6:7 “shall be forgiven”

Numbers 14:19: “Thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.”

II Sam. 12:13: “The Lord also has taken away your sin.”

Psalms 32:1: “How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!”

Psalms 51:2: “...and cleanse me from my sin.”

Psalms 65:3: “Iniquities prevail against me; As for our transgressions, Thou dost forgive them.”

Psalms 79:9: “And deliver us, and forgive our sins, for Thy name's sake.”

Isaiah 6:7: “... your iniquity is taken away, and your sin is forgiven.”

Ezekiel 16:63: “... when I have forgiven you for all that you have done, the Lord God declares.”

Heb. 9:4: “For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”

Heb. 9:11-12: “And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God,”

# ***TOPICAL STUDIES***

## **FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

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### **WHAT IS SIN?**

Sin is the violation of God's law by an individual. (Webster: "a transgression of the law of God")

### **WHAT IS FORGIVENESS OF SINS?**

God's choosing not to hold a sin against an individual. (Webster's synonym for forgive is "to excuse")

### **THE BLOOD OF CHRIST HAS THE POWER TO FORGIVE SINS?**

The physical blood of Christ has nothing to do with the forgiveness of sins. That the blood of Christ has the power to wash away sins is a metaphor. It is a great metaphor, but it is still a metaphor.

### **THE UNFORGIVABLE SIN**

See lesson in DEITY section.