



BIBLE TALK

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Question: At what point are sins actually remitted?

Answer: This is a good question and I would like to establish a bit of history as I attempt to answer the question.

Isaiah said that “*your iniquities have separated between you and your God*” (Isa. 59:2). The seriousness of this is in understanding that God is holy and without sin, man however is sinful (Rom. 3:9-19, 23). Therefore, in the sight of the Holy Judge, God, the whole world is guilty and must answer to His Son to whom His judgment is delegated (2 Tim. 4:1). All have sinned and come short of the glory God. God is “*of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on iniquity*” (Hab. 1:13). All sin is enormous in God’s sight, from murder to lying (Rev. 21:8). This is no doubt why God put Adam and Eve out of the garden (Gen. 3). Since all men sin, we all come to be separated from God (Isa. 59:1-2). Since sin is rebellion against God (1 Sam. 15:23). In our separation, we have become alienated from the source of life, and therefore face death or spiritual separation from God (Rom. 6:23).

God arranged for Christ to pay the debt we owe (1 Jn. 2:2), because He is both just and merciful (2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Tim. 2:4). Jesus paid it for He is without sin (Heb. 4:15; 2 Cor. 5:21). Jesus then actually paid for our sins (Jn. 1:29; Isa. 53:3-6). The redemption price was the blood of Jesus (Eph. 1:7-8; Heb. 9:12-14). If we are to be redeemed from sin, we must contact the saving blood of Christ. Jesus shed His blood in death; therefore, spiritually a person must come in contact with Jesus’ death (Jn. 19:31-34). Paul told the Romans (6:3-4) that we are “*baptized into His death.*” It stands to reason, that if all are sinners, all must have sins removed. The blood of Jesus is the agent and it was shed in death, we must therefore be baptized. Being buried with Him, we too, die to sin rising to walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:1-9).

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