

Is. 55:7 Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong.
Let them turn to the Lord so that he may have mercy on them.
Yes, turn to our God, because **he will forgive generously** (abundantly).
8 “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord...
“And my ways are not your ways...far beyond anything you could imagine.”

It’s scope is UNLIMITED -Ex. 34:6 “...forgiving **wickedness** (knowing what is good & deliberate choice to do evil,) **rebellion** (self-rule, resistance to God’s rule & commands) and **sin**” (general category: ‘all sorts of sin’)
-Mt. 12:31 “...**every** human sin will be forgiven...but blasphemy against the H.S.” [define]
-1 John 1:7 “the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses a man from **all sin**.”

It is COMPLETE “I will **never again remember** (call to mind) their sins against them” Jer. 31:34
“As far as the East is from the West...so far has He removed our sins...” Ps.103
Note: God to Solomon (I Kings 9) “...do all I command like David your father did.”
means the ‘sin-pages’ were ripped-out of David’s book !
“He does not treat us as our sins deserve...” Ps. 103:10

Greek verb = *aphiemi* [a 2-part word] a) to **deliver** the sinner **from** the **punishment** which is due them”
b) to **remove** the **infraction** from their **record**

It is a CHOICE to be made (not an emotion) God says: “I **will** (I choose to) remember them no more...”

It is MOTIVATED BY LOVE -“God so loved the world that He gave...” John 3:16
-“according to your great love blot out my transgressions” Ps. 51

It is FULLY PAID-FOR BY JESUS -1 John 2:2 “...He is the **“atoning sacrifice”**...for the sins of **the whole world**”
(KJV: propitiation = “satisfaction of debt”)

It is CONDITIONAL: a) repentance = “a change of heart/mind resulting in a change of linear direction”
(see Is. 55:7 above)
b) confession (to God) = “to say-the-same-thing God says about our sin”
“**IF** we confess...He is faithful to forgive..” 1 John 1:9
c) “**If you forgive** those who sin against you, your Father will forgive you...” Mt. 6:14

GOD IS NOT RELUCTANT TO FORGIVE----HE **WANTS** TO FORGIVE SIN. ALL OF THE “CHECKS” FOR OUR FORGIVENESS WERE WRITTEN AND PAID-FOR AT CALVARY (FOR **ALL** OF OUR SINS, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE).....HE IS JUST WAITING FOR US TO CASH THEM BY ASKING HIM FOR IT (WITH REPENTANCE & CONFESSION) ON THE BASIS OF THE PAYMENT THAT JESUS MADE.

adverbs used with verb “to forgive” -freely
-abundantly (generously)
-graciously (lovingly)
-completely
-immediately
-willingly

synonyms: pardon, cleanse, release, remove, remit, blot-out, erase,

“Forgive one another the way your Father in Heaven has forgiven you” JESUS

“God’s Ways Are Not Our Ways”

FORGIVENESS

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