

CAN GOD FORGIVE MY PAST?

*The Amazing Grace That
Offers a New Beginning*

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IS GREATER
THAN YOUR PAST.**

**HE CLEANS,
HE RESTORES,
AND HE GIVES YOU
A NEW START.**



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Than Your Mistakes



Jesus Paid the Price
for Your Forgiveness



He Removes the Guilt
and Gives You Peace



He Offers You
a Fresh Start Today



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Introduction

Many people carry invisible burdens.

Regret.

Shame.

Guilt.

Painful memories.

Mistakes they wish they could undo.

Some wonder:

"Could God ever forgive what I've done?"

"Have I gone too far?"

"Have I made too many mistakes?"

"Can God really forgive someone like me?"

The Bible answers these questions with a resounding yes.

No matter what your past contains, God's grace is greater.

1. EVERYONE HAS A PAST

Sometimes people look at others and assume they have never struggled.

The truth is that every person has sinned.

Romans 3:23

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

The Bible does not divide people into good people and bad people.

It teaches that all have sinned.

Every person needs forgiveness.

Every person needs grace.

Every person needs God.

2. SIN LEAVES REAL CONSEQUENCES

Many people try to ignore their past.

Others try to bury it.

Some attempt to outrun it.

Yet guilt has a way of following us.

Sin damages relationships.

Sin creates pain.

Sin often leaves scars.

Isaiah 59:2

"But your iniquities have separated between you
and your God..."

The greatest consequence of sin is separation from
God.

That is why forgiveness is so important.

3. GOD ALREADY KNOWS EVERYTHING

One reason people hesitate to come to God is be-
cause they fear what He will discover.

But God already knows.

He knows every thought.

Every word.

Every failure.

Every secret.

Psalm 139:1-2

"O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me..."

Nothing about your life surprises God.

Yet He still loves you.

4. JESUS CAME FOR BROKEN PEOPLE

Many people assume Jesus came for religious peo-
ple.

The Bible teaches something different.

Luke 19:10

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Jesus spent time with:

- Tax collectors
- Sinners
- Outcasts
- Failures
- Broken people

The people most aware of their need were often the ones most drawn to Him.

5. NO SIN IS GREATER THAN GOD'S GRACE

The Apostle Paul once persecuted Christians.

David committed adultery and murder.

Peter denied Jesus.

Yet God forgave them.

Romans 5:20

"Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

God's grace is greater than your failures.

Greater than your mistakes.

Greater than your regrets.

Greater than your past.

6. THE CROSS WAS FOR YOU

Jesus did not die merely for humanity in general.

He died for individuals.

Isaiah 53:5

"But he was wounded for our transgressions..."

Every nail.
Every wound.
Every drop of blood.
Was part of God's plan to provide forgiveness.
The cross proves that God wants to forgive.

7. FORGIVENESS IS MORE THAN A SECOND CHANCE

Many people think forgiveness means God pretends nothing happened.
Biblical forgiveness is deeper than that.
God removes guilt.
God restores relationship.
God gives a new beginning.

2 Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature..."

You do not have to remain trapped by your past.
God specializes in new beginnings.

8. WHAT ABOUT THE THINGS I CAN'T FIX?

Some mistakes cannot be undone.
Words cannot be taken back.
Years cannot be relived.
People sometimes carry regret over things they cannot change.
The good news is that God's forgiveness is not dependent upon your ability to fix everything.

Psalms 103:12

"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

God can forgive what you cannot undo.

9. CAN GOD REALLY FORGIVE ME?

Perhaps that is the question you have been asking all along.

Not whether God forgives people.

But whether He can forgive you.

Listen to the invitation of Scripture.

1 John 1:9

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins..."

God's promise includes you.

No asterisk.

No hidden condition.

No impossible standard.

If you come to Him in repentance and faith, He will forgive.

10. YOUR STORY IS NOT OVER

Many people allow their past to define them.

God offers something better.

He offers a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord..."

Your worst mistake does not have to be the final chapter of your life.

God still has a purpose for you.

God still has a plan for you.

God still offers hope.

Conclusion

Can God forgive your past?

The cross answers that question.

Jesus came because humanity needed forgiveness.

Jesus died because humanity needed forgiveness.

Jesus rose again so forgiveness could be offered to all.

John 8:36

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Your past may explain where you have been.

It does not have to determine where you are going.

God's grace is greater than your past.