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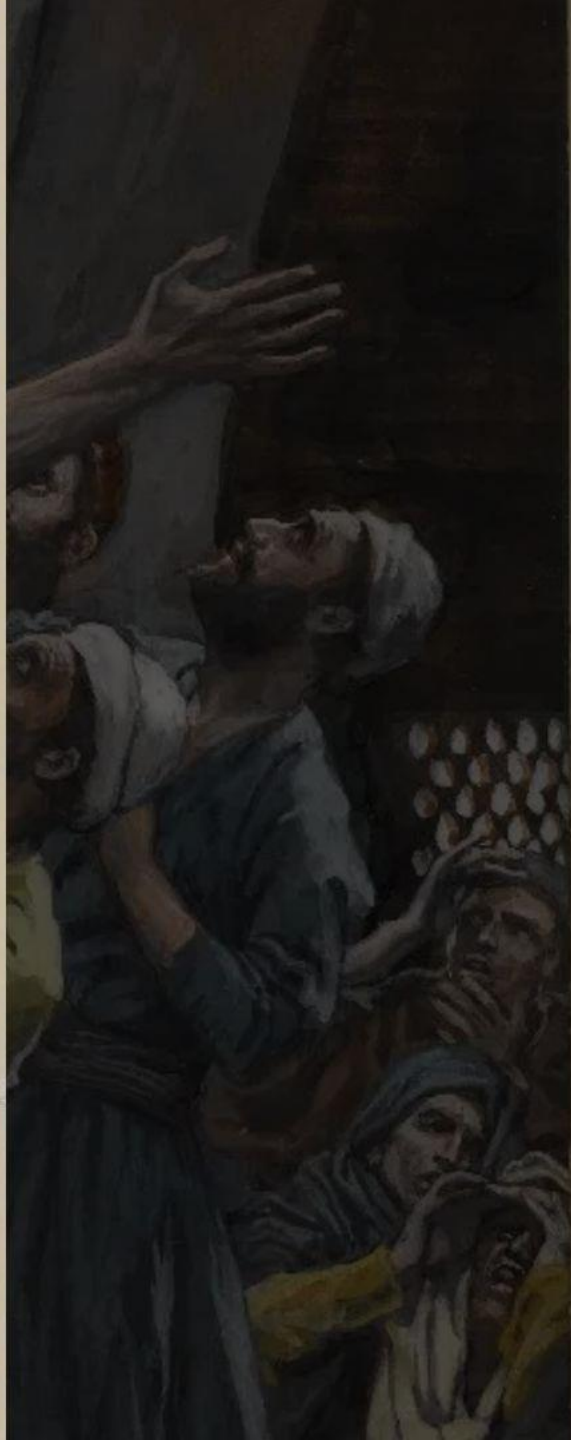
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The question arises, Why did Jesus choose this term [Son of Man] as his favorite self-designation? The best answer is its ambiguity. It could refer to an ordinary human being or to a supernatural being. It had overtones of both humanity and deity. By using it, Jesus forced persons to make up their own minds as to what kind of person he was. Was he a man or The Man?

**James A. Brooks, Mark, vol. 23, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1991), 59.**



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His paralysis has disappeared and the atrophied muscles are restored: he can stand; he can bend; he can walk. Mark's comment on the public nature of the miracle underlines Jesus' claim that since he has the power to accomplish the 'harder' action and instantaneously and visibly heal the paralyzed man, he also has the authority to forgive sins...The people praise God because they have never seen anything like this, acknowledging that the effectiveness of Jesus' miracle-working word is God's doing.

**Eckhard J. Schnabel, *Mark: An Introduction and Commentary*, ed. Eckhard J. Schnabel, vol. 2, Tyndale New Testament Commentaries (London: Inter-Varsity Press, 2017), 69.**





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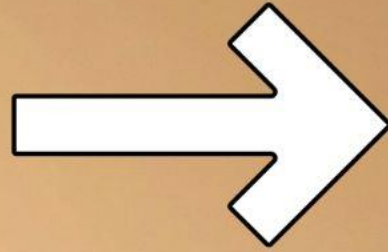
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To mitigate the offense is not the same as being relieved of it. Because as much as we might try to diminish culpability and attribute causation elsewhere, the part we played is never zero. No psychological gymnastics can ever create a world in which you or I are mere bystanders to our own wrongdoing, accidental or otherwise. In order to be truly freed from the past, the offender cannot Houdini her way out of time's straitjacket. Someone has to unbind her from the outside.

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**Four Elements  
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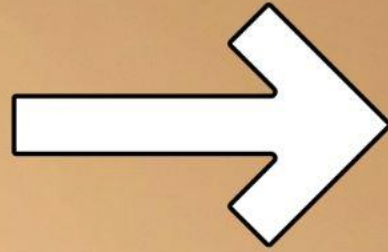


**Offended Party  
Offending Party  
Repentance  
Restoration**





*How God can  
forgive us*



God  
Sinners  
**Jesus**  
Restoration







We do not darken the sanctuary doors on Sunday in order to forgive ourselves, but to hear what cannot be spoken to our reflection.

To receive real relief, we need someone else to pay proper attention to the sins we have committed, to look us in the eye and tell us that our sins have been put away for good.

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The objective means of forgiveness is Christ's atoning death on the cross: 'He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross' (Col. 2:13-14)...The OT belief that God provides both the atoning sacrifice and the resulting forgiveness is a fundamental appeal of the NT writers. They appeal to it every time they describe the death of Christ as the payment for sins for which sinners themselves could never have made.

**The Means and Goal of Forgiveness, New Dictionary of Biblical Theology, p. 501.**

# Colossians 1:13–14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

# Forgiven & Forgiving Person

- Living Authentically
- Refreshing: Culturally Distinct
- Transforming Relationships
- Clear Mission – *purpose*



# Forgiven & Forgiving Person

- 1. [It is] to name the trespass truthfully as wrong and punishable, rather than merely excusing it.
- 2. It is to identify with the perpetrator as a fellow sinner rather than thinking how different from you he or she is. It is to will their good.
- 3. It is to release the wrongdoer from liability by absorbing the debt oneself rather than seeking revenge and paying them back.
- 4. It is to aim for reconciliation rather than breaking off the relationship forever.



**HOPE** NORTH LAKES

# Be Forgiven

10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins



Whatever darkness inside of you troubles your heart, whatever capacities for wickedness and stupidity lurk within, whatever still haunts you from your past, however fearful you are that you will never change, know this: your sin does not intimidate Jesus. What is right in him far out-weighs what is wrong in you. There is more grace in him than guilt in you. He is better at saving than you are at sinning.

Ray Ortlund, Jr. & Sam Allberry, *“You’re Not Crazy”* Crossway, 2023.



# Gospel Response

## ***Start:***

Receive the forgiveness of sins found in Jesus Christ alone.

## ***Strengthen:***

Enjoy your forgiveness and share it widely!

# The Lord's Supper

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

(Matthew 26:26–28 ESV)