



## *How things fit together in the Kingdom*

### How Should We Handle Sin

In the Kingdom that's now on Earth under the NC, our sin is covered by the sacrificial blood of Jesus.<sup>ii</sup> That blood was placed on the altar in Heaven<sup>iii</sup> where it covers all sin, for all time.<sup>iv</sup> When we accept his offer to have his blood make payment for our sin, it covers every sin we have committed and any that we ever will commit.<sup>v</sup> That's the great grace that it releases to us.

We sin every day because we "miss the mark"<sup>i</sup> of the Trinity's standard of perfection. We can't help it – we can't operate in their perfection (called holiness). Jesus's blood covers those daily sins, so we don't need to live in fear that we've committed them, because they're all forgiven – not just the past sins.<sup>vi</sup> From the tiniest sin (eg. being lazy) to big sins (e.g. hitting a person in anger), they're all covered. Our job is to recognise them because we are sensitive in our relationship with the Trinity and want to lovingly please them.

When we recognise sin, we confess it to them and ask for forgiveness out of respect for them. Finally, we determine not to sin that way again and turn to the their way of operating (that's what repenting<sup>vii</sup> means)<sup>viii</sup>.

This process is done daily for all sin that we recognise, both deliberate and accidental ones. This helps with our relationship with them, and keeps us living righteously.

One of the most important things we forget to do is to forgive ourselves for sinning. It's religion that causes us to 'come down hard' on ourselves because we think 'God'<sup>2</sup> is vengeful and too holy to look on us once we've sinned. That's an error. It's an OT view of him which is not how he relates to us under the NC, with grace and mercy.<sup>ix</sup> Just read how some letters to the 1<sup>st</sup> century believers begin: "Grace, mercy, and peace..."<sup>x</sup>

My maxim for dealing with my sins after confessing them is: **Forgive yourself and move on.**

As sons in intimate relationship with the members of the Trinity, we don't deliberately want to sin, because of our spiritual fraternity with them. This is a foundation of living in the Kingdom. Our genuine loving relationship is the most important thing in our lives, because our wonderful life flows out of it. Like intimately connected husbands and wives, we don't want anything to smear or mar what we have together. In our relationship with the Trinity, sin doesn't affect their attitude towards us, but it does impact us spiritually. We know that sin doesn't affect their attitude towards us, because we fall short of their standard of speaking, thinking and doing, every day of our lives. Those failures, of course, are sins.<sup>3</sup>

That's a very different attitude to sin, but it's the one that's essential for sons to have. We need reprogramming to understand realities, like sin, from the Kingdom perspective. That's because sinning is very, very different to a religious or legalistic viewpoint, because those points of view is based on rules, not relationship.

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2 – 'God': I use this term in inverted commas because 'God' is the generic term people use, while I don't any more. I have an intimate relationship with the members of the Trinity, so I refer to them by name out of relationship.

3 – RE-READ: "What Really is Sin" [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/What-Really-is-Sin.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/What-Really-is-Sin.pdf)

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ii – Colossians 1:20

iii – Hebrews 9:12

iv – Hebrews 10:10; Hebrews 10:17-18

v – Hebrews 10:17-18

vi – Hebrews 10:18 (TPT)

vii – “Reform” (Acts 2:38 Young’s Literal Translation)

viii – “Repent [change your old way of thinking, turn from your sinful ways…]” (Acts 2:38 AMPC)

ix – Hebrews 4:16

x – 1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2; Titus 1:4; 2 John 1:3