



Cross & Grace Ministries

Personal Bible Study

Could God Ever Forgive Someone Like Me?

Understanding the Gospel of Jesus Christ

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."
Acts 16:31 (KJV)

Introduction

Many people carry a question deep inside: **Could God ever forgive someone like me?**

Perhaps your past feels too broken. Perhaps you've made choices you wish you could undo. Perhaps you've spent years away from God. Or perhaps you've concluded, "If people knew everything about me... even God couldn't want me."

The Gospel answers that question with hope—not because our sin is small, but because Jesus Christ is a great Savior.

How to Use This Study

Work through this study slowly and prayerfully. Read every Scripture passage in your own Bible before answering the questions. Ask God to help you understand what He has revealed about Himself, about your need, and about His Son, Jesus Christ. Write your thoughts as you go. The goal is not simply to finish a booklet, but to come face to face with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Lesson 1 – Why Do We Need Saving?

Read: Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6

Consider:

- Who does 'all' include?
- What does it mean to come short of God's glory?
- How does understanding sin as rebellion against God change the way you think about yourself?

Key Truth: Sin is not merely the wrong things we do. Sin is our rebellion against a holy God. Every person stands guilty before Him.

Write Your Thoughts:

Lesson 2 – What Does Sin Deserve?

Read: Romans 6:23; Mark 9:43–48; Ezekiel 18:23

Consider:

- Why must a holy God judge sin?
- Why did Jesus speak so plainly about hell?
- What do these passages teach about both God's justice and His heart toward sinners?

Key Truth: Because God is holy and just, every sin must be judged. Yet God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked and calls sinners to repent.

Write Your Thoughts:

Lesson 3 – Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

Read: Isaiah 53:4–6; Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21

Consider:

- Why couldn't we save ourselves?
- Why couldn't another sinful person pay for our sins?
 - Why did the sacrifice have to be perfect?
- What does the cross reveal about God's justice and God's love?

Key Truth: God didn't ask us to provide the sacrifice. We never could have. He provided it Himself through Jesus Christ.

Write Your Thoughts:

Lesson 4 – Why Does the Resurrection Matter?

Read: Matthew 28:5–6; Romans 4:25; Romans 10:9; 1 Corinthians 15:3–4

Consider:

- Why is Christianity empty without the resurrection?
 - What does the resurrection prove?
- Why is the resurrection essential to the Gospel?

Key Truth: Jesus Christ is alive. His resurrection declared His victory over sin and death and confirmed that His work on the cross was complete.

Write Your Thoughts:

Lesson 5 – How Do We Receive Salvation?

Read: Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9–13; Ephesians 2:8–9

Consider:

- What are you trusting in for your salvation?
- Why are repentance and faith not works that earn salvation?
- Why is Jesus Christ the only hope for salvation?

Key Truth: Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. Our confidence rests entirely in Jesus Christ—never in ourselves.

Write Your Thoughts:

Lesson 6 – The Thief on the Cross

Read: Luke 23:39–43

Consider:

- What did the thief understand about himself?
 - What did he understand about Jesus?
 - Why did Jesus promise him paradise?
- Why was he saved without good works?

Key Truth: The thief brought nothing but his need. Jesus supplied everything.

Write Your Thoughts:

Gospel Truth

The Gospel isn't good news because there is no judgment.

The Gospel is good news because **Jesus bore the judgment our sins deserved for all who will trust in Him.**

Christ's Promise

"...him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out."
John 6:37 (KJV)

There Was Room for the Thief.

There Is Room for You.

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