
FORGIVENESS
BY GRACE



If My people, who are
called by My name, will
humble themselves and pray
and seek My face and turn
from their wicked ways, then
will I hear from heaven and
will forgive their sin and will
Heal Their Land



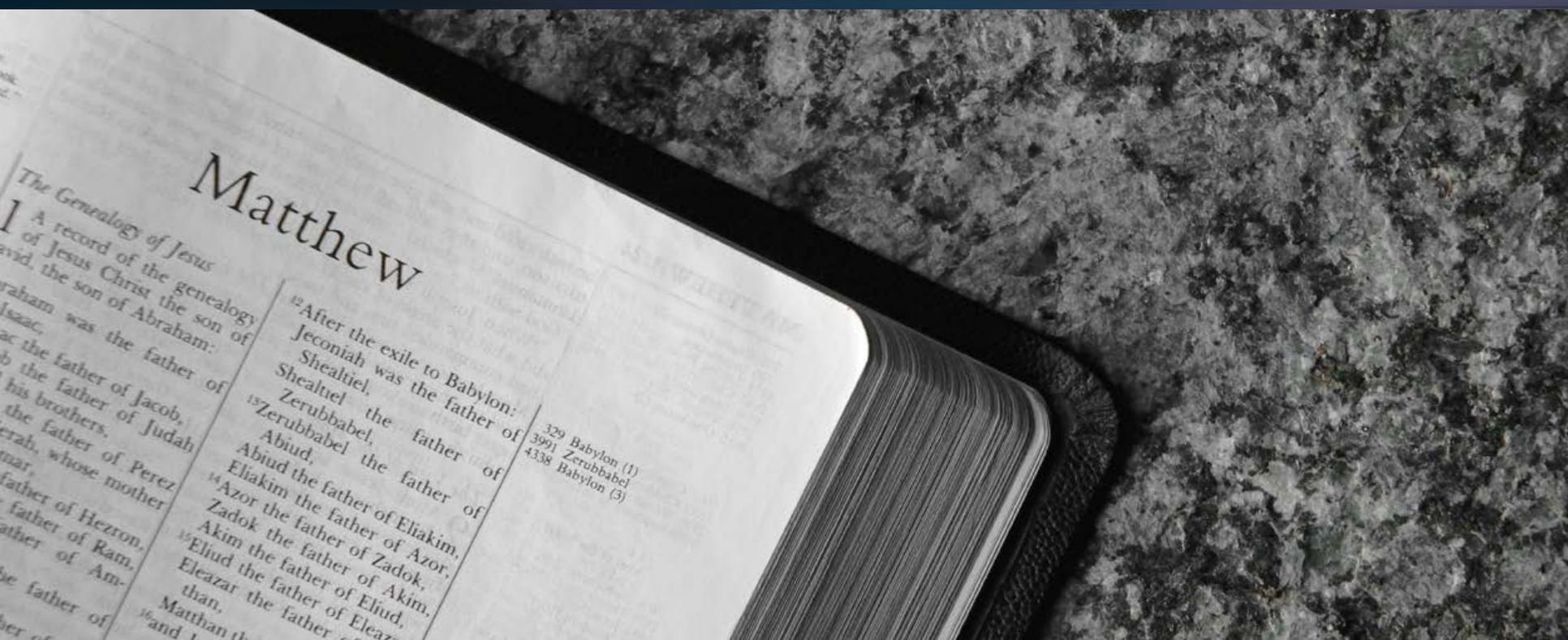
Deuteronomy 28:15,21,24,42 says this, “If thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all His commandments...that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee...

“The Lord shall make the **pestilence** cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land...The Lord shall make the **rain** of thy land powder and dust...until thou be destroyed...All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the **locust** consume.”

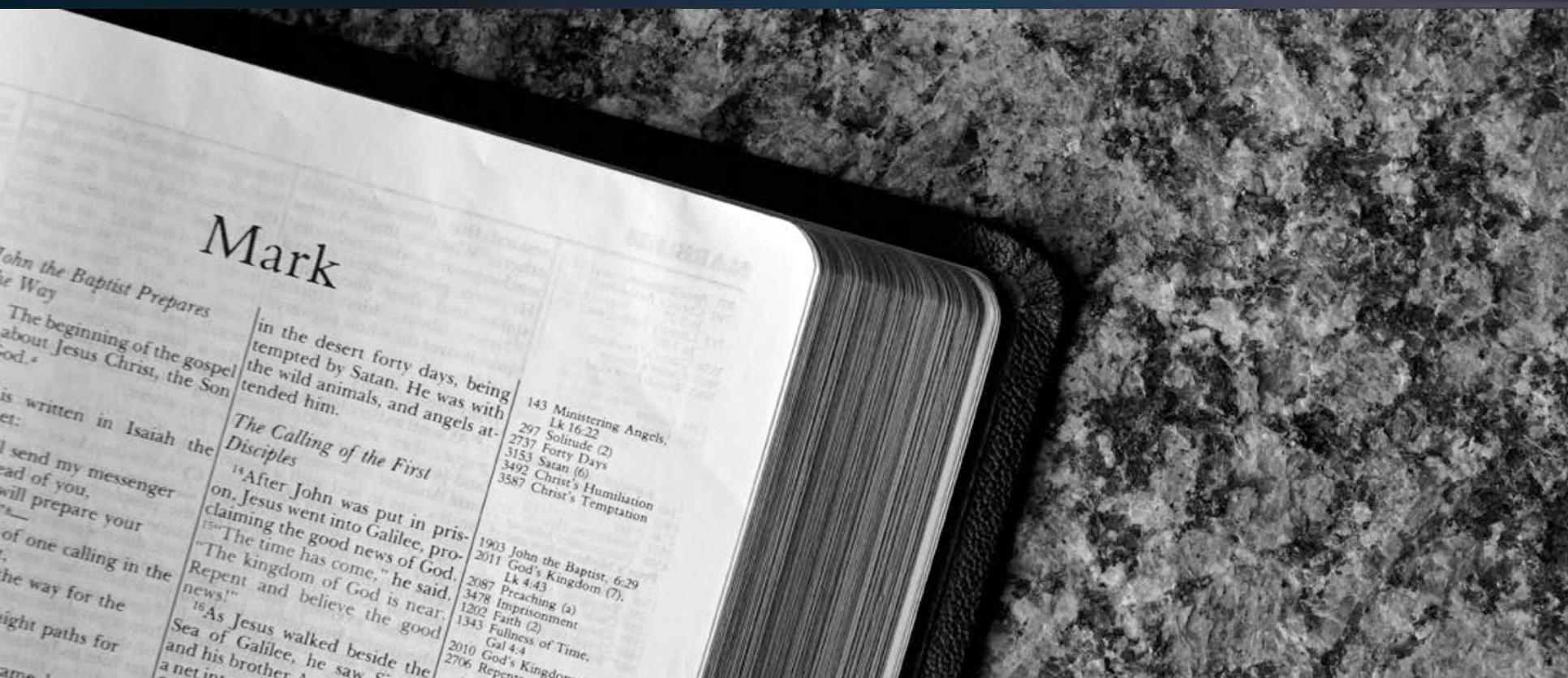
“Now therefore, **if** ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, **then** ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people”
(Exodus 19:5).



“And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, **IF** ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses” (Matt. 18:34,35).



“And when ye stand praying, **forgive**, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But **if ye do not forgive**, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses” (Mark 11:25,26).



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John the Baptist Prepares the Way
The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

is written in Isaiah the prophet: I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way for you. The voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'

in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

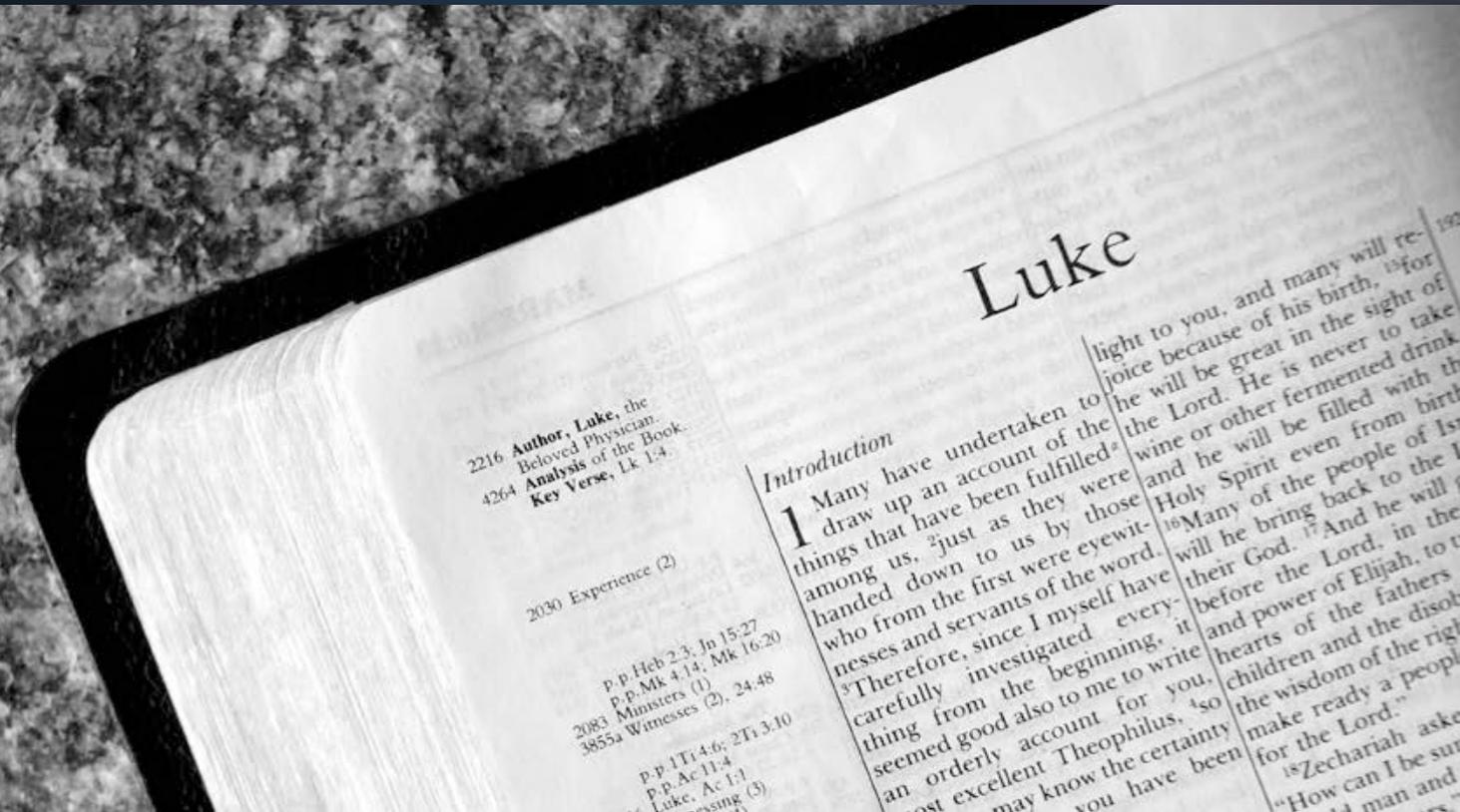
The Calling of the First Disciples

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"
As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea.

- 143 Ministering Angels, Lk 16:22
- 297 Solitude (2)
- 2737 Forty Days
- 3153 Satan (6)
- 3492 Christ's Humiliation
- 3587 Christ's Temptation

- 1903 John the Baptist, 6:29
- 2011 God's Kingdom (7), Lk 4:43
- 2087 Preaching (a)
- 3478 Imprisonment
- 1202 Faith (2)
- 1343 Fullness of Time, Gal 4:4
- 2010 God's Kingdom
- 2706 Repentance

“If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; **thou shalt forgive him**” (Luke 17:3,4).



Forgiving Others is an Absolute Necessity

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It was an “absolute necessity” for Israel under the law to forgive in order to be forgiven. But we are not Israel, and we are not under the law. God program has changed!

In the Gospels, the Lord was speaking to Israel under the law.



In Paul's letters, the Lord is speaking to the Body of Christ under grace.





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“In whom we have redemption through [Christ’s] blood, *the forgiveness of sins*, according to the riches of His grace” (Eph. 1:7).

“And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, *even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you*” (Eph. 4:32).



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“And you, being dead in your sins...hath He quickened together with Him, *having forgiven you all trespasses*” (Col. 2:13).

“Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: *even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye*” (Col. 3:13).



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“Be it known unto you therefore...that through this Man [Christ] is preached unto you *the forgiveness of sins*: and by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses” (Acts 13:38,39).

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When we rightly divide, we can see and know that all our sins are gone, that we who have believed have the gift of complete forgiveness, and we can live a rejoicing, leaping and praising life of faith to the glory of God.

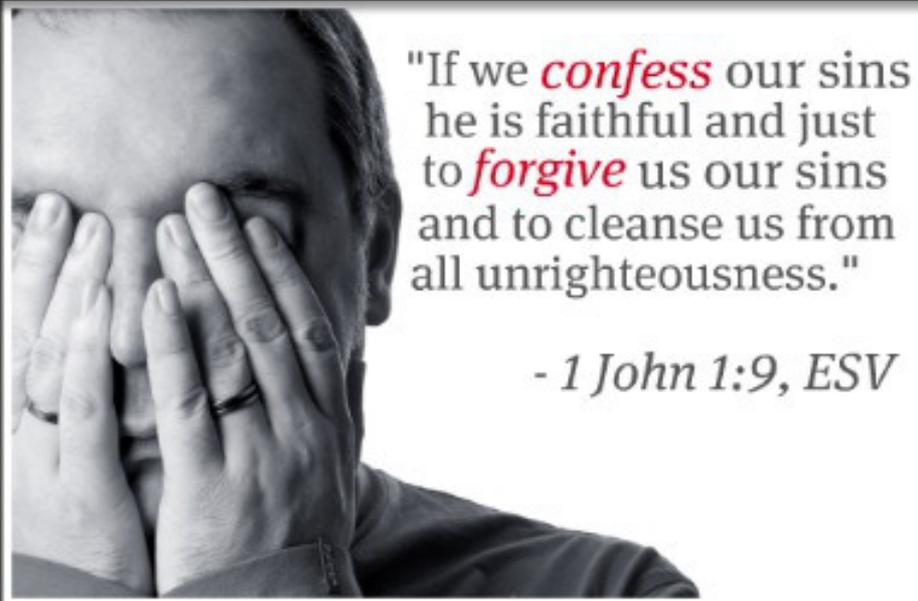
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The Gift of

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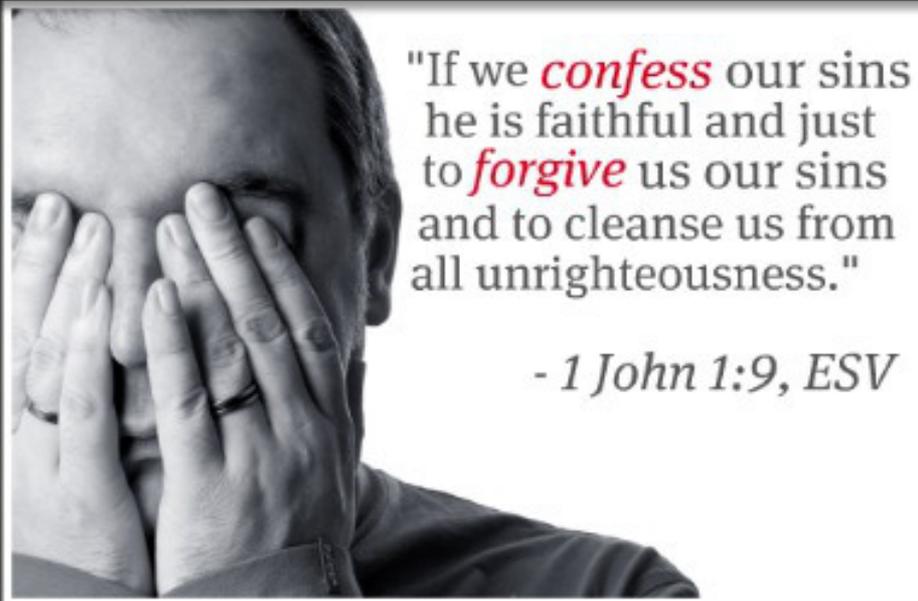
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Note the conditional “if-then” characteristic of the verse which is consistent with Israel’s instructions under the law:

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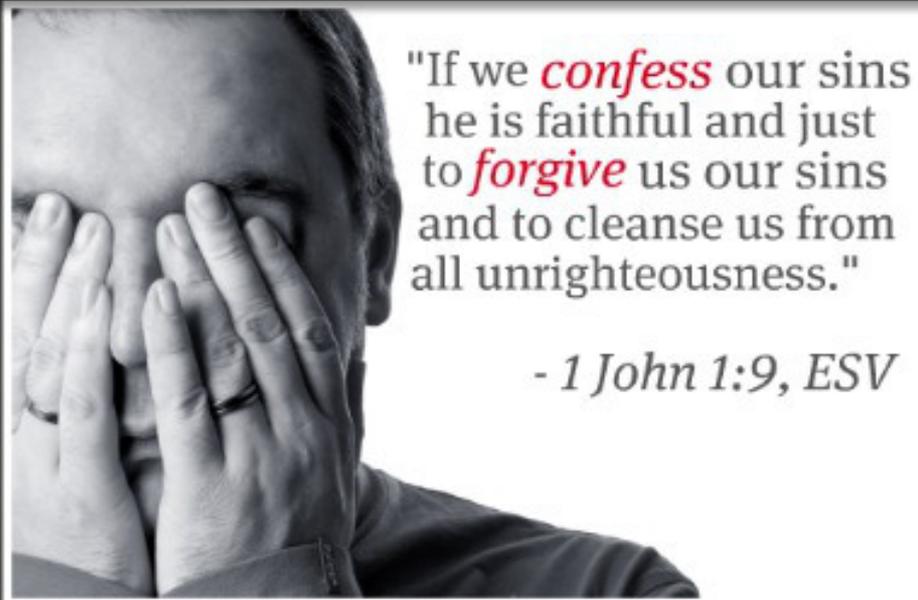
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This verse has been given various interpretations:

- (1) It's a restoration verse: either restoring one to salvation or restoring one to fellowship with God.
- (2) It's a salvation verse which tells people how to receive forgiveness of sins today.
- (3) It pertains to Israel under the law and the gospel of the kingdom.

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the Father deals with
us His children today?"

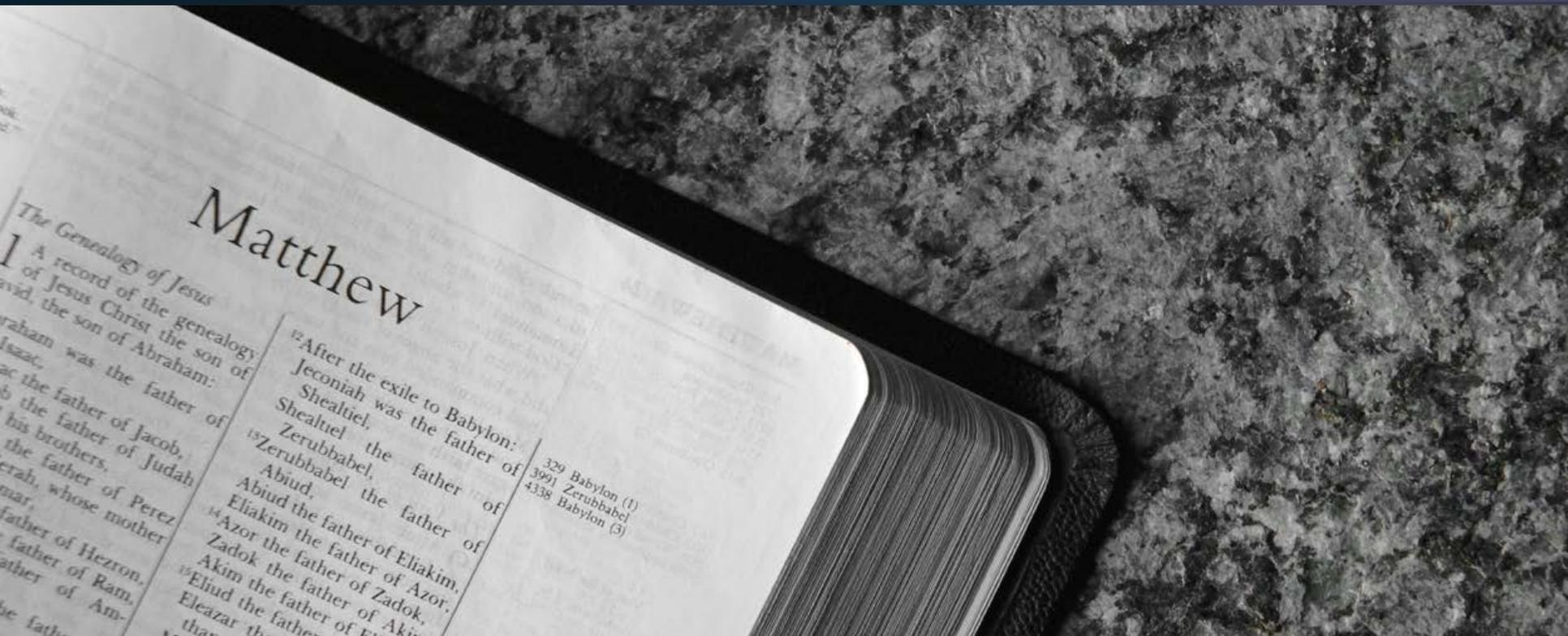
Paul, the apostle of
grace for today, says
nothing about the
confession of sins for
forgiveness, parental
or otherwise.

Lev. 26:40,42: “If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me;

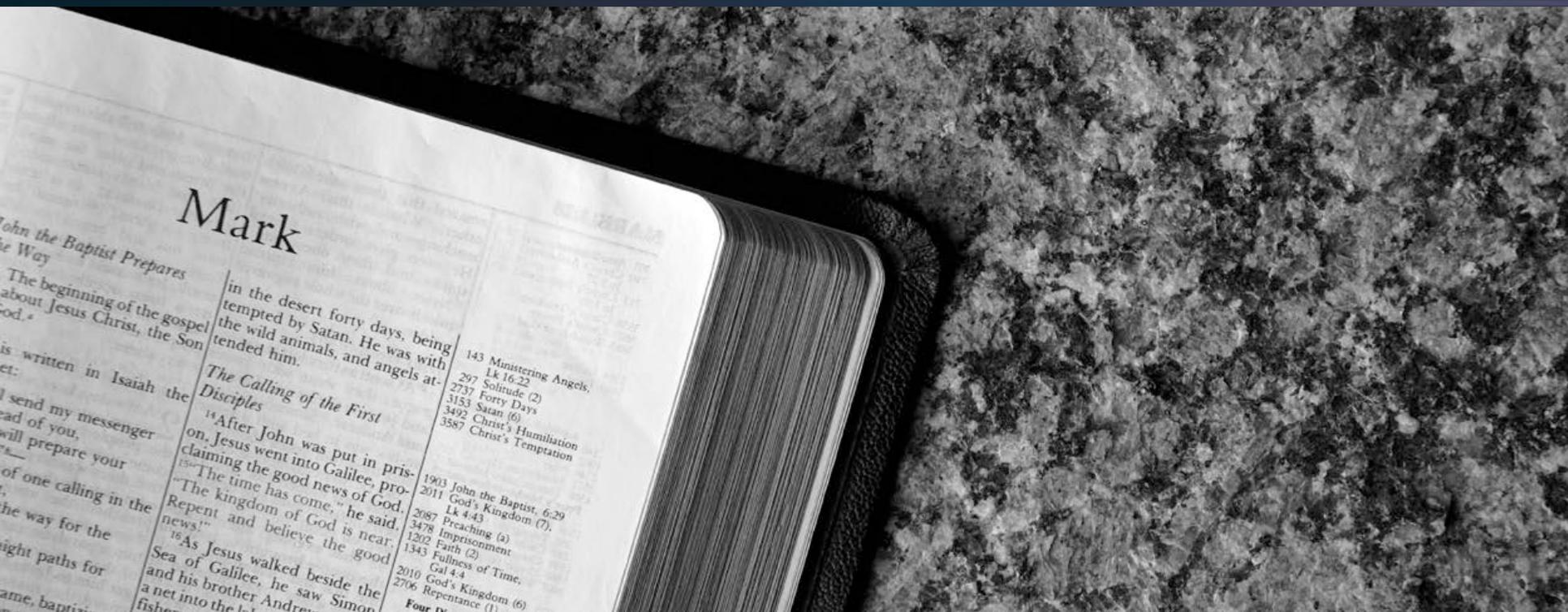
“**Then** will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.”



Matt. 3:1,2,5,6 it says: “In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptized of him in Jordan, **confessing their sins.**”



Mark 1:4: "John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea...and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins."



I John 2:12:

“I write unto you, little children, because your sins *are forgiven you* for His name's sake.”



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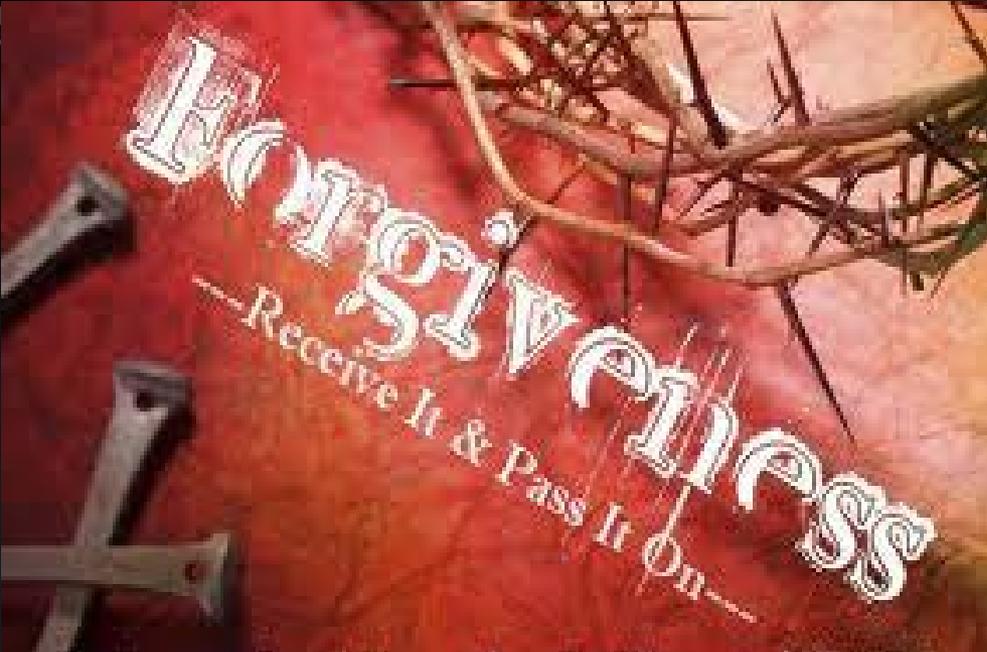
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In the original Greek, the word for “forgiving” is built on the Greek word for “grace” (charis) and means that we are to treat the person who wronged us graciously, we are to show grace in forgiving others, to freely forgive the undeserving unconditionally by grace.



How can I forgive
when it hurts so much



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Kent Crockett says, “We base our forgiveness on what God has done for us, not on what another person has done to us.”

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The Key to Freedom

Lewis Smedes has rightly said, “To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.”