

God's Love is Greater than our Sin

Have you ever wondered, "How can God forgive me for some of the things I have either done or left undone in my life?" These thoughts can be very depressing. When we do this type of thinking, it is part of the process we Christians know as "repentance." To repent is to be truly sorry for our actions that we know are wrong.

When we know Christ, true repentance is the first step of the healing process. The second and final step is to trust in God's great love for us, and to know that he has paid for our sins completely. Because of his love for us, God sent Jesus into the world to pay for the sins of all mankind (John 3:16). He did this not just our "small" sins, but all our sins; not just the sins of some people, but the sins of every one of us.

How can we be assured that God's love is greater than our sins? We look to our Bibles – his word of truth to us. There we find that these truths (and more):

God's love for us is beyond all understanding and measure. Nothing will ever separate us from his love. (Ephesians 3:17-19; Romans 8:35, 37-39)

Because of his love, God gave us his son for the forgiveness of sins. (1 John 4:10)

Out of love for us, Jesus lived a perfect and sinless life in order that his death would be acceptable to God as payment for the sins of all mankind. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

On Easter Jesus rose triumphant over sin, death, and the power of the devil. (1 Peter 1:3; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4) Because of this victory, he proves to us that his love is greater than our sins.

Prayer: Thank you Lord for your great and undeserved love for us. As we think about our lives and our sins, help us to know, through your word, that your love for us is greater than our sins.
AMEN.