

**Four Laws of Forgiveness**  
**Law of Payment and Peace**

There is one thing -- and only one thing -- that will free you from your past  
And free you for your future. It's forgiveness!

**The Law of Payment and Peace**

Peace Follows Payment

**PRINCIPLE 1:**

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God gives us His best for life.  
He tells us exactly how to live the best life ever.  
It's all written down in Scripture.

People, being people, decide we know more than God.  
So, we do our own thing and go our own way.  
We do what we want.

People, being people, make imperfect choices and  
life becomes messy and painful and we  
live with guilt and regret and shame.

**Our Own Attempts To Make Peace With Our Past**

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*When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, 'I will confess my rebellion to the Lord.' And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone!*

**Psalm 32:3-5**

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*But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners. **Romans 4:5***

## PRINCIPLE 2:

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*All the heavens proclaim His righteousness, for He is a God of justice. Psalm 50:6*

*... without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. Hebrews 9:22*

Sin=justice required=sacrifice  
made=justice served

Sin=sacrifice made=justice  
served=forgiveness now possible

- *... the just died for the unjust.*
- *Jesus died once for all people in all time.*

*Jesus took the cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, Each of you drink from it, for this is My blood, which confirms the NEW COVENANT between God and His people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. Matthew 26:27-28*

Our faith is placed upon Jesus and what He accomplished on the cross for us. This is how forgiveness of sin is possible.

*God saved me by His grace when I believed. And I can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things I have done, so I can't boast about it. For I am God's masterpiece. He has created me anew in Christ Jesus, so I can do the good things planned for me long ago. Ephesians 2:8-10*

## PRINCIPLE 3:

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*Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight. Psalm 32:1*

*We all arrive at your doorstep, God, sooner or later, loaded with guilt, our sins too much for us -- but you get rid of them ONCE and FOR ALL! Psalm 65:2-3 (Message)*