



DON'T BE AFRAID JUST BELIEVE

Jesus...told the synagogue leader, "Don't be afraid! Just believe."

Mark 5:36

DON'T BE AFRAID, JUST BELIEVE WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT GUILT AND FORGIVENESS

➤ 5 TYPICAL BUT TERRIBLE WAYS THAT WE DEAL WITH SIN AND GUILT.

1. _____ – *I blame someone else.*
2. _____ – *I find an excuse for it.*
3. _____ – *I focus on someone worse.*
4. _____ – *I deny that there is a problem.*
5. _____ – *I busy myself with activities or events.*

➤ HOW DOES GOD WANT TO DEAL WITH MY GUILT?

- _____ – *God wants to forgive me.*

*This is my blood, God's new covenant poured out for many people for the forgiveness of sins. **Matthew 26:28** (MP)*

*Christ's death was a one-time event, but it was a sacrifice that took care of sins forever... **Hebrews 9:28** (GW)*

1. **GOD WANTS TO** _____ **ME** _____.

*Let the wicked leave their way of life and change their way of thinking. Let them turn to the LORD, our God; he is merciful and quick to forgive. **Isaiah 55:7** (TEV)*

2. **GOD WANTS TO** _____ **ME** _____.

*He has forgiven all your sins He has utterly wiped out the evidence of broken commandments which always hung over our heads, and has completely annulled it by nailing it to the cross. **Colossians 2:13-14** (Ph)*

3. **GOD WANTS TO** _____ **ME** _____.

*Who is a God like You, Who forgives sin and the wrong-doing of Your chosen people...? He does not stay angry forever because He is happy to show loving-kindness. **Micah 7:18** (NLV)*

4. GOD WANTS TO _____ ME _____.

If we [really] are living and walking in the Light, as He [Himself] is in the Light, we have [true, unbroken] fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses (removes) us from all sin and guilt [keeps us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestations]. 1 John 1:7 (Amp)

➤ HOW DO I RECEIVE WHAT GOD WANTS TO GIVE?

- **Note: Receiving does not mean _____!**

For it's by God's grace that you have been saved. You receive it through faith. It was not our plan or our effort. It is God's gift, pure and simple. You didn't earn it, not one of us did, so don't go around bragging that you must have done something amazing. Ephesians 2:8-9 (Voice)

1. _____ – I confess my _____.

If we make it our habit to confess our sins, in his faithful righteousness he forgives us for those sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 (ISV)

I confessed my sins and told them all to you. I said, "I'll tell the LORD of my sins." Then you forgave me and took away my guilt. Psalms 32:5 (CEV)

2. _____ – I change my _____.

You can't whitewash your sins and get by with it; you find mercy by admitting and leaving them. Proverbs 28:13 (MP)

*Change the way you think and act, and turn to God to have your sins removed.
²⁰Then times will come when the Lord will refresh you. Acts 3:19 (GW)*

3. _____ – I commit to Jesus as _____ and _____.

All of you must turn to God and change the way you think and act, and each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins will be forgiven. Then you will receive the Holy Spirit as a gift." Acts 2:38 (GW)

*...all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?...
⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-⁷ because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Romans 6:3, 6, 7 (NIV)*

NOTE Believing what God says about forgiving, or not forgiving me may be the hardest.

"Come. Sit down. Let's argue this out." This is GOD's Message: "If your sins are blood-red, they'll be snow-white. If they're red like crimson, they'll be like wool. Isaiah 1:18 (MP)