

## What is the Difference Between Iniquity, Sin and Transgression?

**Iniquity:**

1. improper attitude toward law concealed from others
2. a relaxing in attitude toward lawlessness in others
3. an open working of iniquity on our part

**2 Tim. 2:19: "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity"**

4. iniquity means something is deformed, something is not right about you - a weakness (taken from [www.joystarters.com](http://www.joystarters.com))
5. pain ridden evil (#4189 ponia from #4192 ponos - "pain, laborious trouble) (taken from [biblehub.com](http://biblehub.com))
6. Hebrew "avon" means to bend, twist, distort" So iniquities are a bending, twisting, or distorting of God's Word to different degrees worthy of punishment. (taken from [www.patheos.com](http://www.patheos.com))

**Sin:** greek hamartia - missing the mark, a bad or evil deed (Strongs)

**1 John 3:4: "Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness."**

So sin is the transgression of the law of God. Every iniquity is sin but some sins are not as worthy of punishment as others. For example: in the OT, adultery and murder could bring the death penalty, while stealing, having a lower degree of guilt, was worthy of not such a severe punishment, was still sin.

**Psalms 51:4 David says: "Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me"** But he had yet to commit iniquities at birth.

Sin, means "missing the mark"; like shooting an arrow at a target and you miss the target. Your arrow falls short just as **Romans 3:23 says: "we all fall short of the glory of God"**

**Transgression: Psalm 32:5** mentions sin, transgression and iniquities all in the same verse as it says: **"I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."**

By separating transgressions, iniquities and sin, David seems to indicate that they are all different things, but one thing is certain; all transgressions are sin and all iniquities are sin.

David said he will confess (agree with) his transgression (his willful acts of disobedience) to the Lord, and God will forgive the iniquity (his bending, twisting, and distorting of the law that grew in the degrees worthy of greater punishment), of his sin (the transgressions of God's law). All these are sin; all are just being more specific to the degree of sin, to the degree of the act of the will, and to the degree of the breaking God's law.

As it says in **2 Corinthians 5:21: "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."**

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## What Does it Mean to Be Redeemed?

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**Redemption:** Greek: "lytroo" pronounced lu-tro-o means payment of ransom; from ransom and penalty and misery of our sins - to deliver from evils of every kind (internal and external)

It is not forgiveness of sins.

God **forgives** our sins and **redeems** us from the penalty of our sins.

**Colossians 1:14: "In whom we have redemption through His blood, (even) the forgiveness of sins." KJV**

**Colossians 1:20-22: "And having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, (I say), whether (they be) things in earth, or things in heaven." KJV**

**Titus 2:14: "Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from ALL iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." KJV**

**Psalms 111:9: "He sent redemption unto His people; He hath commanded His covenant FOREVER; holy and reverend (is) His name."**

We have the idea that we need to pay the penalty for our sins.

When Jesus died on the cross, He caused a harvest failure of your crop of sins.

The payment for this ransom is the blood of Jesus. We have it **NOW!!!!**

**2 Corinthians 6:2 says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you. Behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation."**

Jesus carried our sins, but He also suffered the misery and penalties of our sins. He not only forgives us our sins, but redeems us from the penalties of our sins.

How come some don't walk in their redemption?

1. You must **walk by faith - hear the word**. The blood of Jesus is greater than any corruption, any penalties for sin. If you say it only works in **some** things, you insult the blood of Jesus and what He went through for you!

2. We are not **believing** it and we are not **saying** it!!! **"Psalm 107:2 says: Let the redeemed of the Lord SAY so!"**

God wants His redeemed ones to **say** so! Speak according to what God has **said**. You are redeemed from **all curses**: sickness, financial lack, generational curses, relationship problems

and more. Say: "I am redeemed from every curse, I am redeemed from destruction, I am redeemed from sickness, I am redeemed from all evil." **You must speak it and believe it!!**

How come we don't see it in our life? Because we don't **"see"** it! You must **see** it in your mind's eye, in your imagination, in your heart. God told Abraham in **Genesis 13:15: for all the land which you can see I give to you and your descendants.** If you can see it, it's yours.

The Holy spirit bears witness with the truth. What is the truth? The word of God.

**Acts 14:3 says: "Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace; granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands."**

What are you speaking? Can the Holy Spirit bear witness with what you are saying? The Holy Spirit cannot bear witness with a lie. If you are not speaking God's word about something, then you are speaking a lie. The Holy Spirit then cannot bear witness and you will not see what you are wanting to come to pass.

If God says He has redeemed you from the penalties, the curses, the sins, and you say you're not, that you did this and now I have to carry this punishment, then you are speaking a lie and the Holy Spirit cannot bear witness with your lie, so you will continue then to live in your lie, and receive the punishment, the misery, the pain, the condemnation.

**BELIEVE** what God says in his word and **SPEAK** it! Believe the truth, speak the truth, and then the Holy Spirit bears witness with that, your soul becomes renewed, then your body comes in line and you receive the outward manifestation of that inward healing! Simple!!!

But are you doing that? Or are you taking on the punishment for your sin?

If so, then why did Jesus come? What purpose did he serve? Why would you want to downplay or negate what Jesus did? He suffered a cruel painful death in order for you to be free of all condemnation, free from all curses. What are the curses? anything that is from the enemy; which is anything that is not from God.

If you feel you need to accept the consequences of your sin, then you are slapping Jesus in the face and saying, "your death was not enough for what I did" "It's my fault so I need to pay the price" If you want to accept the consequence, Jesus would not have had to come to earth, you could just suffer and die in the punishment for all your sins.

**The Lord's Prayer: ..."your will be done on earth as it is in heaven".** What is in heaven? sickness? financial trouble? heartache? sadness? bitterness? trouble of any sort?

But you say, "but in the natural world, we do suffer the consequences of our sins. Isn't Jesus's redemption for us only so we would not suffer the wrath of God in the end when the judgement comes?"

Then why does **Romans 8:32 say: "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"**

**And in Ephesians 1:3: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with EVERY spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ." NKJ**

**AMP: May blessing (praise, laudation, and eulogy) be given to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) who has blessed us in Christ with EVERY spiritual (given by the Holy Spirit) blessing in the heavenly realm."**

"spiritual" in greek: pneumatikos - "pneuma" (breath or spirit), "kos" - belonging to the spirit

So pneumatikos blessings are blessings that have the characteristics belonging to God. What are God's characteristics? Is there any lack with God? Any lack of love? peace? patience? provision? etc

We feel that matter is more real than spiritual things, but everything comes from the spirit first. Everything that is spiritual is eternal. Jesus's resurrected body is a spiritual body but it is tangible, you can feel it, as he told his disciples to do after he was resurrected.

So all spiritual blessings have the characteristics of God, and since they all come from God, they are eternal and they are ours for the here and now.

So how do we get these spiritual blessings to come to our physical bodies, or in our physical world?

For example, if we have something wrong in our bodies, even if it's something we got as a consequence of our sin, we first go to God, **repent** of what wrong we did, **thank** God that through Jesus our Lord, we have been **forgiven** of all our sins, and thank Him that through Jesus's blood we have been **redeemed**, (set free from all condemnation and penalties of our sins); then **find God's word** about what the problem is, (healing for our bodies), **speak out, make confession with our mouth** what God says (which is truth), **continue to speak the truth** in spite of the symptoms in our bodies,

( **Ps. 23:5 says: "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies"**) in other words, **in spite of the symptoms**,. the evil symptoms, the enemy in front of you, **speak the truth of God's word in the presence of that enemy and KEEP SPEAKING THE TRUTH, and don't stop speaking it**. The Holy Spirit then can bear witness to the truth you are speaking and believing, and you will see the physical manifestation of your health.

It comes down to what do you believe? Is God's word true? Is He a liar? What are you believing and speaking/confessing?

Your healing may come as a miracle, or it may be a progression as in seed, time.....harvest. If it is a progression, don't stop speaking out and believing and trusting in God's word. The enemy wants you to stop and focus on the circumstances; on your sin that caused this problem, because then you won't see God's wonderful glory. You will say "it doesn't work", and that's exactly what the enemy wants you to say, because when you speak what the enemy wants you to speak, then you are not speaking the truth of God's word and then God cannot bear witness with a lie.

God is not a liar . **Numbers 23:19: "God is not a man that He should lie, nor a son of man that he should repent, Has he not said, and will He not make it good? Behold, I have received a command to bless; He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it."**

(This is when Balak wanted Balaam to curse the children of Israel)

So it really comes down to What do you believe? Do you believe you have to pay the price for your sin? After all doesn't the bible say; "you reap what you sow?" No one is perfect, not one, except Jesus. As believers, we strive for excellence, to walk in the spirit and let our lights shine. But if we stumble, thank God that Jesus came to save us; he paid the price for us, so as it says in **Hebrews 4:16: "let us come *boldly* to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."**

Bottom line is: Do you believe God's word? Do you believe God's word is true? Do you trust God or are you trusting in your own understanding? **Proverbs 3:5 says: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths."**

**Jesus said in Mark 10:14,15: "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."**

What was He saying? We are to have childlike faith. Believe what God's word says, don't doubt; accept it as a little child would; innocent, trusting, believing. If Jesus said to speak to my mountain and believe that it will move, then it must be true; so I will speak it and believe.

What are you confessing out of your mouth? Are you speaking what the enemy is telling you and putting into your head, or are you speaking what God's word says?

You make the choice: life or death. **Proverbs 18:21 says: "Life and death are in the power of the tongue and those who love it will eat its fruit."**

What are you eating? life or death? God wants you to choose life. Jesus came that you might have life and have it abundantly. Why would you want anything less? So speak life. **John 10:10 says : "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill and to destroy. I have come that they may have life; and that they may have it *MORE* abundantly."**

**That is God's will for your life. Take it or leave it.**