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Because God is Loyal and Faithful

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (NIV)

This beautiful passage found in 1 John reminds us of the faithfulness of God in doing what He says He will do. It speaks specifically about forgiveness of sin. This happens because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. ***2 Cor. 5:21 God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. (NIV)*** This means the penalty for our sin was placed upon Jesus and He paid the eternal price for those sins. The term is called justified. I like to put it this way. When Jesus paid my sin-debt, it was 'just if I'd' never sinned. He can look at all of the people who have ever lived or will live, and see them as pure, and clean, and made right. That is the power of the atonement of Jesus Christ. The reason that all people are not saved is that many have chosen to reject what Jesus has done for them through His death on the cross. Salvation was paid for completely but is never forced upon anyone. We have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory, but when Jesus cried out from the cross, "it is finished," He had completed the eternal justification for anyone who would believe upon Him. Salvation was paid for. Have you been purified and made clean by the precious blood of the Lamb? If so, we should be so moved that we will tell everyone we can about our salvation.

I would like to invite anyone who is reading this today to this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nharvgVpni0&t=5s> and spend some time watching and listening to the truth of our Lord's crucifixion and what His death bought for us; real and perfect eternal life instead of receiving what we deserve; eternal death and separation from Him forever.

Dear Lord, thank You for paying the penalty for my sin that I would be made right with You. I don't deserve this, but I receive it because of what You have done for me. In Jesus name, AMEN