

# God's Promise to Forgive



BY HIS OWN  
BLOOD

# God's Cleansing – 1 John 1:9

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful & just  
& will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness"



**1 John 1:5-2:2 NLT**

**5** This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you:

**God is Light,**

**and there is no darkness in Him at all.**

6 So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth.

7 But if we are living in the Light, as God is in the Light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.



8 If we claim we have no sin,  
we are only fooling ourselves  
and not living in the truth.

**Sin is always twofold—**

**Act & state, Choice & condition, Doing & being.**

**Conscious: Lawlessness -- Rebellion**

Willful transgression of the known law of God

**Unconscious: Adaptive Unconscious**

The sin of impulsive action

9 But if we confess our sins to Him,  
He is Faithful and Just  
to forgive us our sins  
and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

**God is faithful to His promises**

His nature requires **Justice** as well as **Mercy**

He is faithful and righteous.

His righteousness brings **Judgement**  
just as surely as it brings **Forgiveness**

## Psalm 51:1-15 <sup>NLT</sup>

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
because of Your unfailing love.  
Because of Your great compassion,  
blot out the stain of my sins.
- 2 Wash me clean from my guilt.  
Purify me from my sin.

Implicit in this promise is the **atonement of Jesus.**

**Confession of sin** is also a **confession of faith.**

3 For I recognize my rebellion;  
it haunts me day and night.

4 Against You, and You alone, have I sinned;  
I have done what is evil in Your sight.

You will be proved right in what You say,  
and Your judgment against me is just.

5 For I was born a sinner—  
yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.



- 6 But you desire honesty from the womb,  
teaching me wisdom even there.
- 7 Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- 8 Oh, give me back my joy again;  
You have broken me—  
now let me rejoice.
- 9 Don't keep looking at my sins.  
Remove the stain of my guilt.

- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God.  
Renew a loyal spirit within me.
- 11 Do not banish me from Your Presence,  
and don't take Your Holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
and make me willing to obey You.
- 13 Then I will teach Your ways to rebels,  
and they will return to You.

14 Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves;  
then I will joyfully sing of Your forgiveness.

15 Unseal my lips, O Lord,  
that my mouth may praise You.

**Forgiveness** is what God does for us.

**Justification**

**Cleansing** is what God does in us.

**Sanctification**

The possession of **forgiveness for sins**  
and having **a clean heart** before God  
fulfills for the Christian  
the **gracious promise of the Father.**

# GENEROUS GRACE

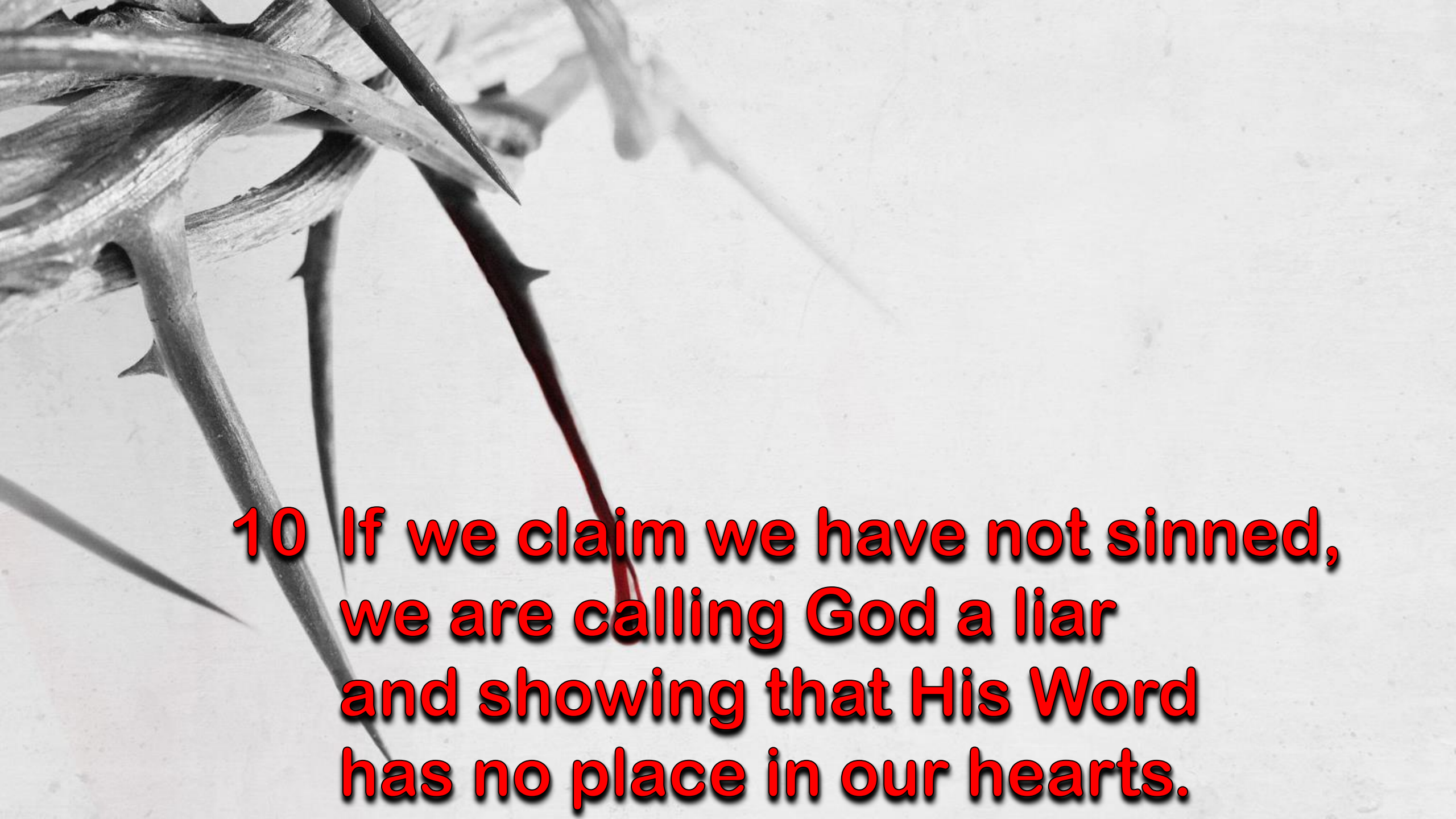
## Ezekiel 36:24-27 NLT

- 24 For I will gather you up from all the nations and bring you home again to your land.
- 25 “Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and **you will be clean.** Your **filth will be washed away,** and you will no longer worship idols.

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26 And I will give you **a new heart**,  
and I will put **a new spirit** in you.  
I will take out your stony, stubborn heart  
and give you **a tender, responsive heart.**

27 And I will put **My Spirit** in you  
so that you will follow My decrees  
and be careful to obey My regulations.



**10 If we claim we have not sinned,  
we are calling God a liar  
and showing that His Word  
has no place in our hearts.**

2:1 My dear children,  
I am writing this to you **so that you will not sin.**

But **if anyone does sin,**  
we have an **Advocate** who pleads our case  
before the Father.

He is **Jesus Christ**, the one who is truly Righteous.

2 **He Himself is the Sacrifice  
that atones for our sins—**  
and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.