

COMPLETE

Part 2: Skeletons in the Closet

For by one sacrifice he **has made perfect** forever those who are **being made holy**.
- Hebrews 10:14 (NIV)

Growing in Christ is to learn to WALK OUT

what Jesus has already WORKED OUT

Nobody likes living with guilt:

My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.
- Psalm 38:4

“Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the **forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you**. Through him **everyone who believes** is set free from every sin, a **justification** you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.” - Acts 13:38–39 (NIV)

Justified = JUST IF I'D NEVER SINNED

Sin does not keep me in guilt, UNBELIEF does

Three un-beliefs that keep us feeling guilt:

1. I don't believe God NEEDS TO forgive me

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
- 1 John 1:8–9 (NIV)

2. I don't believe God CAN forgive me

I need to FORGIVE myself

“Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”
- Mark 2:7 (NIV)

“Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?”
- Mark 2:8–9 (NIV)

But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So, he said to the man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”
- Mark 2:10–11 (NIV)

3. I don't believe God HAS forgiven me

My sin is TOO BIG for Jesus

*He forgave us **all our sins**, having **canceled the charge** of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.*
- Colossians 2:13–14