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From Pastor Karl

- Jesus came to bring life
- He came to break all obstacles that Satan (the Deceiver, the Accuser, the Father of Lies) brings against us
- He came to give us **hope** and to be our **hope**.
 - Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, **which is our hope**;
 - 1 Timothy 1:1 (KJV)

From Pastor Karl

- Jesus shed his blood so that we would have **HOPE**.

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
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- Edward Mote, 1834

From Pastor Karl

- We need to interpret the Old Testament and the Gospels through the Cross and what Jesus did for us on the Cross!
- Sin was obliterated!
 - ... but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.
 - Hebrews 9:12 (KJV)
 - ... for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him
 - by the blood of the Lamb,
 - and by the word of their testimony;
 - and they loved not their lives unto the death.
 - Revelation 12: 10-11

Paul Ellis in The Gospel in Ten Words

Unconditional Forgiveness

What does the Bible say ...

No


- Leviticus 19:20-22
- Numbers 15:22-28
- Deuteronomy 29:19-20
- 2 Chronicles 7:14
- Matthew 6:14-15, 18:35
- Mark 11:25,26

Conditional

Yes

- Luke 24:46-47
- Acts 5:31, 13:38, 26:18
- Romans 4:7
- 2 Corinthians 5:18-19
- Ephesians 4:32
- Hebrews 8:12, 9:26
- I John 2:2

Unconditional

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HOPE

- Noun
 - The definition of hope is a feeling of optimism or a desire that something will happen.
 - A feeling that what is wanted is likely to happen; desire accompanied by expectation
- Verb
 - Hope is defined as the action of wishing or desiring that something will occur.
 - To want and to expect
 - To want very much
- Hope: an intense expectation
 - Kenneth Copeland
- Hope: an expectation of future good
 - Fay Rowe, Smooth Stones & Promises

- Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)
 - Now faith is the substance of things **hoped** for, the evidence of things not seen.
 - Now faith is the substance of **something that is good that we intensely expect to happen**, the evidence of things not seen.
- Important to have **hope** for faith to have something to give substance to!
- **Hope** is the vision that Faith moves toward!
- Belief in what God says gives **Hope**

- Purpose of Faith
 - Now the **just shall live by faith**: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.
 - Hebrews 10:38 (KJV)
- Why is Faith Important?
 - Without faith, it is impossible to please God.
 - Hebrews 11:6
- Where does Faith come from?
 - Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.
 - Romans 10:17
- Without **HOPE** there is nothing for Faith to give substance to

Deferred Hope

- Proverbs 13:12
 - Hope deferred makes the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.
- Defer
 - to put off (action, consideration, etc.) to a future time
- How can one defer hope?
 - by not having an intense expectation!
 - by putting off an action or consideration to the future
 - by having no expectation of anything because of Jesus blood
- With deferred hope there is nothing for faith to give substance to, without faith cannot please God, we THE JUST cannot / shall not live by faith,
 - Hope deferred is not a good thing

- Faith comes from hearing God's Word
- We need Faith to please God
- The Just need Faith to Live
- Without hope - Faith has nothing to give substance to
 - **Faith and hope are built on God's Word and the promises in His Word**
- **Hope is important**
- It is so important that

- Psalm 78:4-7
 - “... [God] established a testimony in Jacob ...”
 - “... to shew the generation to come
 - The praises of the Lord
 - And his strength
 - And his wonderful works that he has done.”
- Why did God do this?

- Psalm 78:7
 - That they might set their **hope** in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:
- God established a testimony so that the Israeli generations to come (the children which would be born):
 - Would set their **hope** in Him
 - Would remember His wonderful works
 - Would keep His commandments
- **Hope** is important to God and to us

Three Principles ...

- ... that should build our **HOPE** as we reflect on what Jesus did for us on the Cross are:
 - Our sins are forgiven through the Blood of Jesus
 - Our sins are forgotten
 - Our sins are not imputed to us

Kate McVeigh (August 2006)

A word from God to Kate McVeigh:

When you asked me to forgive you I only had one incident to forgive you for – all others I had forgotten.

So if we think God brings something on us to teach us something because of something we did – it does not make sense – He has already forgotten it!

But thinking like this way may allow Satan in to attack us with sickness and disease.

God forgave you and me when Jesus died on the Cross

- **Psalm 32:1 (AMP)**
 - Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is he who has forgiveness of his transgression continually exercised upon him, whose sin is covered.
- **Psalm 103:3 (AMP)**
 - Who forgives [every one of] all your iniquities,
- **Matthew 26:28 (AMP, KJV)**
 - For this is My blood of the *new* covenant, which [ratifies the agreement and] is being poured out for many for the forgiveness [remission] of sins.

God forgave you and me when Jesus died on the Cross

- **Luke 1:77(AMP)**
 - To bring *and* give the knowledge of salvation to His people in the forgiveness *and* remission of their sins.
- **Luke 24:47 (AMP, KJV)**
 - And that repentance [with a view to and as the condition of] forgiveness [remission] of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
- **Acts 2:38 (AMP, KJV)**
 - And Peter ... in the name of Jesus Christ for the [remission] forgiveness of *and* release from your sins;

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- **Acts 10:43** (AMP, KJV)

- To Him all the prophets testify (bear witness) that everyone who believes in Him [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him, giving himself up to Him] receives forgiveness of sins [remission of sins] through His name.

- **1 John 1:9** (AMP)

- If we [freely] admit that we have sinned *and* confess our sins, He is faithful and just (true to His own nature and promises) and will forgive our sins [dismiss our lawlessness] and [continuously] cleanse us from all unrighteousness [everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action].

God will never forget us BUT He will forget our sins!

- Isaiah 43:25-26 (AMP)

- I, even I, am He Who blots out *and* cancels your transgressions, for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

- Jeremiah 31:34

- ... for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will [seriously] remember their sin no more.

- Hebrews 8:12

- For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

- Hebrews 10:17-18

- And their sins and their iniquities [their lawbreaking] will I remember no more. Now where remission of these [sins and iniquities] is, there is no more offering for sin.

Our sins are not **IMPUTED** to us!

What does **impute** mean?

- To impute means to ascribe something to someone by virtue of a similar quality in another
 - Christ's righteousness has been imputed to us who are born again given we accepted Jesus as our Lord & Saviour
- It can also mean to represent something, especially something undesirable, as being done, caused, or possessed by someone
 - Our sins could be imputed to us
- **BUT** God does not impute our sins to us

God does not IMPUTE our sins to us

- Psalm 32:1-2

- Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile [deceit].

- Romans 4:8 (KJV)

- Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

- Romans 4:8 (AMP)

- Blessed *and* happy *and* to be envied is the person of whose sin the Lord will take no account *nor* reckon it against him.

To Blot Out

- What does it mean to:
 - Be forgiven of our sins
 - Have our sins forgotten
 - Not have our sins imputed to us
- It means our sins are **blotted out**!
- **Blotted out** is an OT and NT term!

To Blot Out

- Isaiah 43:25

- I, even I, am He that **blots out** thy transgressions for mine own sake, and **will not remember thy sins**.

- Colossians 2:13,14

- And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having **forgiven** you all trespasses: **Blotting out** the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us and took it out of the way nailing it to his cross.

- **Blotted out** is an OT and NT term!

To Blot Out

- What does **Blotted Out** mean?
- Blot out:
 - To erase, to eradicate, to destroy, to wipe out, to obliterate, to vaporize!
- So, **Blotted Out** means:
 - Erased, eradicated, destroyed, wiped out, obliterated, vaporized!
- Our sins have been **BLOTTED OUT!**

Blotted Out

- **Psalm 51:1 (AMP) A Psalm of David; when Nathan the prophet came to him after he had sinned with Bathsheba.**
 - Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to the multitude of Your tender mercy *and* loving-kindness **blot out** my transgressions.
- **Isaiah 43:25-26 (AMP)**
 - I, even I, am He Who **blots out** *and* cancels your transgressions, for My own sake, and I will **not remember** your sins.

Blotted Out

- **Isaiah 44:22 (AMP)**
 - I have **blotted out** like a thick cloud your transgressions, and like a cloud your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you
- **Acts 3:19 (AMP, KJV)**
 - So repent (change your mind and purpose); turn around *and* return [to God] [be converted], that your sins may be **erased (blotted out, wiped clean)**, that times of refreshing (of recovering from the effects of heat, of (reviving with fresh air) may come from the presence of the Lord;

Jesus Blood Blotted Out Our Sins

- It was God [personally present] in Christ, reconciling *and* restoring the world to favor with Himself, **not counting up *and* holding against [men] their trespasses [but cancelling them]**, and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor).
- ...
- We [as Christ's personal representatives] beg you for His sake to lay hold of the divine favor [now offered you] *and* be reconciled to God.
– **2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (AMP)**

Colossians 2:14-15 (AMP)

- Having **cancelled *and* blotted out *and* wiped away** the handwriting of the note (bond) with its legal decrees *and* demands which was in force *and* stood against us (hostile to us).
- This [note with its regulations, decrees, and demands] He set aside *and* cleared completely out of our way by nailing it to [His] cross.
- [God] disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display *and* public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him *and* in it [the cross].

Jesus is our **Hope**

Satan had a legal right under the law to demand our death.

Jesus death and shedding of His blood destroyed that legal right ...

... if we accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour

Once we accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, Satan has no legal hold over us, he cannot accuse us to God about our sins because our sins are forgiven, forgotten, blotted out!

THEREFORE, ... Jesus is our HOPE!

Jesus is our **HOPE**

- Jesus is our **HOPE**
- Paul Ellis says that we are in union with Jesus
 - ... that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.
 - John 10:38
 - At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.
 - John 14:10

- Is there any reason to not have hope?
- Is there any reason to defer hope and make our heart sick?
- The answer is no!
- There is every reason to have hope
 - Jesus is in us and we are in Him - Jesus is our **HOPE**
 - **HOPE is in us – there is very reason to have HOPE**
- PLUS, we can have **HOPE** because our sins:
 - have been not been imputed to us;
 - they have been forgiven,
 - they have been forgotten by God,
 - they have been BLOTTED OUT!
 - **By the blood of Jesus**

- Satan has no legal right to attack us and tell us what a sinner we are, look what we did today, yesterday, last week, last year, two decades ago ...
- *It is all under the blood!*
- *There is therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1)*
- *Tell Satan to take a hike – verbally plead the Blood of Jesus – Jesus is our **HOPE***