

The Gospel of God

Justified by Faith

## Safeguards of Forgiveness

Romans 4:7 & 8

David said, *I have sinned against the Lord.*  
Nathan said, *The Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die.* 2 Samuel 12:13

*My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.* 1 John 2:1-2

### Five Safeguards of Forgiveness

1. God shows me my sin in its true light  
vv 1-6
2. God cuts me to the heart with the truth revealed in the Bible vv 7-10  
Hebrews 4:12; James 2:25;  
Psalm 119:9, 11
3. God's Word shows me I am guilty and deserve punishment  
vv 5, 13
4. God makes me see the awful effects my sin has on others  
v 14

5. I may experience adverse consequences in my life and family  
v 14

### Six Steps to Restoration and Usefulness

1. & 2. Conviction and Chastisement  
Psalm 32:3-4; Psalm 6:6  
Psalm 38:1-9; Hebrews 12:11
3. Confession  
2 Samuel 12:13; Psalm 32:5  
Psalm 25:11; Psalm 51
4. Comfort  
Matthew 5:4; 2 Corinthians 2:6-8;  
Psalm 32:1-2
5. Convalescence  
1 Timothy 5:22; Psalm 40:1-3
6. Commission  
Psalm 51:12-13