

# LESSON 12:

## SIN AND FORGIVENESS



### AIM:

To show that we need to accept forgiveness, confess Jesus as Lord, be transformed into His likeness, and live according to our position before Him.

### YOU WILL NEED:

- Bibles
- Actual Reality CD
- Computer
- VCR and Television (or use LCD Projector)
- LCD Projector (depending on size of the group)
- Flipchart or OHP
- Lining Paper
- Marker pen for each member

### CD:

Follow these screen clicks to get to the PAID screen



[As you cover each letter, a verse appears. When you click a band member address the issue headed.]

Click A=Acceptance

### INFORMATION:

[Remind the group what grace and mercy are]

The band member mentions the need to keep reminding yourself that you're free.

When slavery was abolished in the USA many of the landowners kept the good news to themselves. They didn't want to lose their slaves. Thousands of slaves stayed in bondage, ignorant of the fact that they were legally free.

### BIBLE:

Galatians 5:1 'It was for freedom that Christ has set us free.'  
Jesus set us free, to live as free people.

Remind yourself that if you have been set free, you need to live free.

### DISCUSS:

Ask the group what makes a Christian – what makes them different from other people.  
[Write answers on flipchart/OHP]

### CD:

Click D=Declare – Romans 10:9

### INFORMATION:

There is no such thing as a silent Christian. To be a child of God is to live proud of the fact. Someone who really understands their salvation and forgiven-ness, is desperate for

others to know about Him. The Bible encourages us to 'always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have' 1 Peter 3:15. There are some obvious ways to go about that such as 'believers' baptism and confirmation.

On an OHP or flipchart, brainstorm ways to declare i.e.

You may be the only Bible people see.

Voice

Sandwich board

Baptism

T Shirts

Bracelets

**CD:**

Click I=Internalise Romans 12:2

**INFORMATION:**

Being a Christian is not just about being forgiven, going to church or wearing sandals.

But, it is about becoming Christ-like. The Christian life is a journey, we're under construction, work in progress, we need to 'work out salvation'.

**ACTIVITY:**

Give each member a long strip of lining paper.

On the right hand side ask them to write or draw what they want God to have done in them in 20 years time.

On the left hand side draw a timeline on the paper working out the path/steps to achieve that goal.

Reiterate that we are called to be transformed into the likeness of Christ, if at the 20 year point we look no more like Jesus than now we do now, then we're not internalising what we know.

**CD:**

Click on P=Position –

The band member talks about the fact that we can never earn or deserve forgiveness.

**ACTIVITY:**

Give each member the Saint or Sinner worksheet.

**INFORMATION:**

Once you are forgiven and saved your position has changed – you are no longer a sinner, but a saint. The problem is that many Christians live believing they are still sinners, so they behave more like that.

Although we are saints, we do still mess up. It is the life journey of each Christian to bring their behaviour/practice into line with their position.

There is no way we deserve or can earn God's love and grace, He freely gives it to us – making us perfect in Christ Heb 10:14

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## WORKSHEET



**Tick whether you  
consider the following  
to be a saint or sinner.**

	<b>SAINT</b>	or	<b>SINNNER</b>
<b>Pope</b>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>
<b>Mother Theresa</b>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>
<b>A Murderer</b>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>
<b>Vicar</b>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>
<b>You</b>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>
<b>David Beckham</b>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>
<b>Charity workers</b>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>
<b>Missionaries</b>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>