

God offers us a pardon.



WE ALL STAND ACCUSED OF WRONGDOING, and we're all guilty; we're all sinners (Romans 3:23). God is the judge, and the Devil is the prosecuting attorney who demands the execution of the law—and of us (Job 1:6–12; Revelation 12:10). But Jesus is our defense attorney and He already paid the price of our pardon, so God can set us free.

When the Devil reminds God of all your sins, all you have to do is look to your defense attorney, Jesus (1 John 2:1). Jesus will then look to the Father and say, “Father, forgive this man. This is another one of Mine who has received Me and believed in Me as his lawyer, as his defense attorney, as his advocate. He has received My defense; he has received My sacrifice in his place, and he believes that I took his punishment for him. Therefore, You can hand him one of those pardons.” And God hands down the pardon, and Jesus hands it to you, and the Devil slinks away with his tail between his legs, defeated again!

You've got a pardon from God, no matter what you've done, because Jesus took your punishment on the cross. “The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).