

# Psalm 32

**Psalms 32:1** [New King James] *“Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.”*

**Two pictures relating to sin are shown in this one verse.**

**Transgression** – Hebrew word used is *“pasha”* meaning **revolt or rebellion against lawful authority.**

**Forgiven** – Hebrew word used is *“nâcâh”* which comes from a root word meaning **to lift, carry away or pardon.**

**Sin** – Hebrew word used is *“châtâ’âh”* meaning **to miss the mark aimed for**, to stumble and fall not necessarily wilfully.

**Covered** – Hebrew word used *“kâcâh”* meaning **to conceal, hide, close or clothe.**

**Psalms 32:2** [New King James] *“Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.”*

**Iniquity** – is the Hebrew word *“âvon”* meaning **adversity, fault, mischief.**

**Imputed** – Hebrew *“châshab”* meaning **to consider or count or reckon.**

This response by God is **linked to there being no guile in that person’s life.**

**Guile** – Hebrew word *“remîyâh”* meaning **treachery, deceit or slothfulness.**

**To understand the word “impute” we have to look at the New Testament use of the word.**

**Romans 4:6** [New King James] *“just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:”*

What the Creator God wishes to impute is righteousness.

How is this done and for what reason?

**Romans 4:13, 16, 18-24** [New King James] *“For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.” ... “Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all” ... “who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. And therefore ‘it was accounted to him for righteousness.’ Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,”*

This righteousness is credited to us as a result of our faith in the Word of God, Jesus Christ, [**John 1:1-2, 14**] and the recorded Word of God, the Christian Bible.

Any idea that we are free to continue to sin that this grace of the Creator God may abound, is firmly excluded by the emphasis on sincerity at the close of the **verse 2** in **Psalm 32** also in **Romans 6:1-11**.

**Psalms 32:3-5** [New King James] *“When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer. **Selah.** I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,’ and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. **Selah.**”*

Even human estrangements can produce this deep unrest of mind and body, how much more an estrangement with our Creator God, [**Isaiah 59:2**].

**Selah** – this comes from a root word “*câlâh*” **meaning to weigh what we have just received and to value its importance.**

**What really is confession of our sins?**

It is simply to agree with what the Creator God tells us in His Word, the Christian Bible, acknowledging that He is right and what we have done is wrong. Linked with affirming our intention to follow His way of life more faithfully.

**Psalms 32:6-7** [New King James] *“For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You in a time when You may be found; surely in a flood of great waters they shall not come near him. You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. **Selah.**”*

**To confess our sins is the only haven to which we can run in times of trouble.**

Again we need to weigh the value and importance of what we have just learnt.

**Psalms 32:8-9** [New King James] *“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which have no understanding, which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you.”*

**This is the Creator God’s reply to King David’s confession of his sins, a great desire to teach David so he can have a deeper understanding of the mind of the Creator God that he worships.**

God is telling David to not be like some people who act like horses and mules who have to be controlled by bits and bridles, resisting the influence of God in their lives.

**The Creator God longs to guide us with love and wisdom rather than corrective actions that can be physically painful.**

God is offering to teach us the best way to conduct our lives that will bring joy and fulfilment.

Accept the guidance written in God’s Word, the Christian Bible, and do **not** let our vain stubbornness keep us from obeying God.

**Psalms 32:10-11** [New King James] *“Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; but he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him. Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!”*

**Pain and sorrow will be the outcome of all who stubbornly refuse to accept God’s Word, the Christian Bible, as the guideline for living.**

Those who trust God will be surrounded with His mercy that brings the peace of mind of sins forgiven or covered allowing them to cry out in joy to the loving and compassionate Creator God who has given us life, will maintain our lives and can offer us eternal life as a gift, [**Romans 6:23**].