

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

When someone says sorry to us, what's one of the first things we say to them in response?

"Oh, that's ok"

But if you think about it, is it really ok? If someone did something wrong, to the point that they had to say that they were sorry, then what they did or say was not ok.

Even in the bible, when someone confesses their sin to God, I do not read anywhere where God say, Oh, that's ok. Once again because it's not ok, because if it were ok, then we would not have to confess it to God and ask His forgiveness.

Also, on the same thought, read today verse again and see if you can find what is missing that we always do (Maybe not all the time, but a lot of times) when we confess our sins to God?

‡ *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Now let me add what is missing that we all do, and include our "that's ok" statement and see how it actually diminishes God's forgiveness.

If we confess our sins, and give God an excuse for our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and say, that's ok, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Did you see what I added:

☹ *"and give God an excuse for our sins,"*

☹ *"and say, that's ok,"*

Nowhere does God ask for an excuse for the sins that we committed, why? Because He already knows why, and that's because we were born into sin, and all the excuses in the world will not change that fact.

‡ **Ephesians 5:6 (NLT2) Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him.**

Also when you give God excuses for why you sinned, you are actually belittling what Jesus did on the cross, because you are saying in a sense that you sinned, but YOU have it covered,

because I sinned because, then we give our excuse, which somehow we think that our excuse makes our sin null and void.

† **Proverbs 24:12 (NLT2)** *Don't excuse yourself by saying, "Look, we didn't know." For God understands all hearts, and he sees you. He who guards your soul knows you knew. He will repay all people as their actions deserve.*

God is not a man that you need to explain yourself to Him, nor is He a man who doesn't know any better. Once again, He knows why we sin, and He will never say, "Oh, that's ok."

† **Job 40:1-5** *Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said: "Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him? He who rebukes God, let him answer it."*

Then Job answered the LORD and said: "Behold, I am vile; What shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth. Once I have spoken, but I will not answer; Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further."