Forgiven of all

Jesus' sacrifice was sufficient once for all time.

• Unlike the other high priests under the Old Covenant, Jesus does not need to offer continual sacrifices for He did this once for all, when He offered up Himself

Who needs not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself, Hebrews 7:27.

Are we forgiven for all of our sins, even the one's we have not committed yet?

• We can be forgiven of future sins, if we repent and place them under the blood of Christ. We should not rely on our forgiveness being automatic, and only repenting once to be sufficient for all future sins, that is simply man's prideful arrogance. Whereby, Jesus' blood is able to cleanse us from all sin, repentance is also an on-going thing. (swallow your foolish pride, in Him you might be perfect, but in your flesh you are still human).

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, 1st John 1:8-9.

¹ My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: ² And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world, 1st John 2:1-2.

Forgiveness also works both ways

- ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹⁴ For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: ¹⁵ But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses, Matthew 6:12,14,15.
- This brings into play a whole set of further questions, we don't always like it when it become conditional on our actions. Forgiveness is actually a mindset, if we are able to forgive others, yes at times this will even include God Himself. Then we will be able to live in a mindset or a philosophy of forgiveness.
- Read about the <u>Forgiving Master and the Wicked Servant</u>, <u>Matthew 18:23-35</u>. Jesus gave this parable right after Peter asked Him, Lord how often shall my brother sin against me, that I should forgive him? seven times? Jesus replied; Not seven times, but seventy times seven. Note: we often think of parables to be less than literal stories, don't. In the account it talks of a "certain king," I believe the account to be actual.
- Forgiveness is important, do what ever you can do to get right with your brother.

²³ Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; ²⁴ Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift, Matthew 5:23-24.

