Forgiveness

At The Cross

Luke 23:34  (A few of Jesus’ last words from the cross because forgiveness is key to life)
34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.

Believe In Him

John 3:14-21  (Jesus relates the need to believe. Believe that He will forgive us)
14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.
18 He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.
21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

John 5:24  (Forgiveness, rather than ‘judgement’)
24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

John 6:40  (Believing will gain forgiveness and ‘everlasting life’)
40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

Acts 10:43  (Peter reiterates that ‘believing in Jesus’ gains ‘remission of sins/forgiveness’)
43 To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."

Paul’s Commission

Acts 26:15-18  (Paul’s purpose is stated by Jesus, present opportunity for ‘forgiveness’)
15 So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.
16 But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a
minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you.
17 I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you,
18 to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

Eph 1:7  (More from Paul....'redemption/forgiveness of sins’)
7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace....

Forgive Others

Matt 6:14-15  (Jesus says our forgiveness depends upon how we forgive others)
14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Luke 6:37  (Jesus says, you will reap what you sow)
37 "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Matt 18:21-22  (Jesus says, no limit. Just keep forgiving others)
21 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"
22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

Luke 17:3-4  (And forgive those who repent, what do you think this means?)
3 Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.
4 And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

Confession of Sin

1 John 1:5-10  (When we confess our sin, we will have forgiveness, and be cleansed from it all)
5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.
7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
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.
10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

For more on Sin....

Read 1 John 3:6-9 and 1 John 5:18-20, it is possible to ‘not sin.’ And Mark 3:28-30 about the unforgivable sin.

Note in 1 Kings 8:46/2 Chronicles 6:36, it says that ‘there is no one who does not sin.’

Why the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament?