Can My Sins Be Removed?

Many people live under the idea of karma where every deed comes back to you. Do good, and good returns. Do evil, and evil returns. And sometimes these deeds carry over from death to the next life.

There is some truth in this for this life. A cruel man often drinks the cup he poured. The Bible says it too: "Whatsoever a man plants, that shall he also harvest." (Galatians 6:7)

But karma, counting my good versus my sin, never speaks of forgiveness. Karma keeps the account open forever. It can explain sin. It cannot wash it.

So, what does the Bible say? Can my sins really be removed?

First, the Bible tells us the truth about ourselves: all of us have sinned and failed to live up to the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

Second, it tells the truth about what sin costs: it causes our death, eternal death. (Romans 6:23)

God does not pretend that sin is small. God cannot treat guilt as if it were nothing (Isaiah 59:1-2). But God also does not leave you to pay that debt across a thousand lives you cannot even remember.

Think of a stain in a garment. You wash it, and wash it, and wash it. Some stains never come out. Karma is that kind of washing. It never cleanses or finishes.

But God can do what your washing cannot do. He can forgive. Forgive forever.

How? Not by ignoring sin. By sending His Son to carry it away:

1 Peter 2:24 speaks of Jesus "who his own self carried our sins in his own body on the tree."

That is not karma balancing good and bad. This is a gift from God to forgive the sin. And the Bible says:

> "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7)

God does not call the sin good. He does not justify the sin. He forgives the sinner who comes to Him in the way He has named.

What is that way He has named? Jesus! On the first day the gospel was preached, the people asked what they must do. Peter told them:

> "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins." (Acts 2:38)

Paul was told the same thing:

> "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16)

The water has no magic in it. God forgives because of the blood Jesus already shed, when a person obeys His word.

Karma cannot say, "It is finished." Jesus did (John 19:30).

Conclusion:

You do not have to guess how you can be forgiven. You do not have to fear that one forgotten duty will undo years of being good.

Do you want your sins removed? Will you believe in Jesus? Will you repent and be baptized for the remission of your sins?

Then live as a person who has been washed, not as a person who is still trying to pay.

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