

GOD SUBDUES OUR INIQUITIES

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1. **Our iniquities** are those works of the flesh that oppose the life and fruit of God's Spirit within us. They are mentioned in *Eph 4:22-31, Col 3:5-8, Gal 5:17-21, Rom 8:5-8*.
2. We may be aware of iniquity as doubt, fear, pride, rejection, guilt, condemnation, legalism, lust, greed, love of money and possessions, anger, unforgiveness, insecurity, fear of man, rebellion, inferiority, and so on. These things oppose the working and life of God's Spirit in us. *Gal 5:17*.
3. If we try and overcome iniquity in our own strength and willpower we usually find that we are fighting a losing battle. *1Cor 15:56b* says, "The strength of sin is the law."
4. **The good news is that God has promised to subdue and put down our iniquity that opposes Him. *Micah 7:19***
5. See ***Mic 7:18,19***.
 - a. v 18 – **God pardons our iniquity**. He extends mercy to us. He does not condemn us because of iniquity.
 - b. v19 – **Then God will subdue our iniquities**. What we can't do, He will do.
Hallelujah!
He has promised to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1Jn 1:9*.
6. David prayed for mercy and forgiveness, *Ps 51:1-4*, then he asked God to break the power of iniquity in him. *Ps 51:5-12*.
7. **Whenever God promises to act on our behalf we need to respond by faith in His Word for the promise to be fulfilled.** *Heb 10:23, Heb 6:12, Heb 10:36, Rom 4:20,21*. Faith activates the promise.
8. ***Ps 130:1-8***
 - a. v1,2 – A deep cry to God for help.
 - b. v3,4 – The problem is iniquity. A problem everyone has. But with God there is mercy.
 - c. v5,6 – I am looking **to God, by His Word**, for the answer to this problem.
 - d. v7,8, - He is the One who redeems us from all our iniquities. Amen.
9. **As always the Answer God has provided is by His Son, Jesus Christ.** *Is 53:5,6*.
 - a. v5 – He was bruised for our iniquities.
 - b. v6 – God laid on Him all our iniquities. Amen.Jesus **took** our iniquity
broke our iniquity
destroyed our iniquity
and **set us free**. Amen`

10. **Rom 6:6,11,14,22** says this very strongly and clearly.
- a. v6 – **The old nature was crucified with Christ**, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.
 - b. v11 – **Now we believe we are dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**
 - c. v14 – As we **believe**, God's grace does the work.
 - d. v22 – So we are **set free** from sin,
we are Jesus' love slaves,...
we have the fruit of holiness,
we have eternal life.

For example, for fourteen years I was a slave to anger. One day someone showed me the truths of *Rom 6:6,11*. I made faith confessions of these verses for two weeks and by the end of that time I was 90% free from all anger. What a blessing! I want more of that!

11. **Remember:** temptation to sin and iniquity is not sin.
Heb 4:15. Jesus was tempted in all points as we are, yet He did not sin. It is only when we yield to temptation that we sin.
12. **Victory Steps.**
- a. **Ours**
 - i. **Confess** the iniquity to God. *1Jn 1:9*.
 - ii. **Choose against it.** Hate it. *Pro 28:13*
 - iii. **Believe** God's promises daily, persistently. *2Pet 1:4*. E.g. *Phil 2:13, Ezk 36:25-27, Deut 30:6, 2Cor 7:1, Heb 13:20,21, 2Pet 1:3,4, Heb 9:14, Gal 2:20*.
 - b. **God's**
 - i. God **forgives** us. *1Jn 1:7,9*.
 - ii. He **breaks the power** and hold of iniquity in us.
 - iii. God **removes the iniquity** and replaces it with His own holy nature. *Rom 8:13*.