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For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
Romans 10:13

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Enmity Between God and I

What Does It Mean?

When you sin it creates an enmity between you and God even though the sin is forgiven and forgotten by God. An enmity is a space between you and God. The space is bigger depending on the severity of the sin. You can think of the enmity like a brick road that takes you from one place to another. You have to travel the road to get to your destination, and the longer the road the more time it takes. In the time spent traveling, God may withhold a blessing that he had ready for you. You may still get the blessing, but you have to wait longer for it. Enmity also reduces the communication you have with God because of a grievance of the Holy Spirit. Part of repenting from your sin is changing your mind about your sin and turning around to go the opposite direction back to God as the Holy Spirit. When you do that you will see then how far you went away. God is always there, but that sweet fellowship you had at one time may take time to reestablish.

When a person gets saved he immediately gets a Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is part of the trinity of God and it is essentially God dwelling in him. If you were to picture the Holy Spirit as a glass of water, the glass is only part full when you get saved. It takes time in prayer, Bible study, soul winning and church to get the glass completely filled so that you can have the power of the Holy Spirit. When you sin, water is emptied out of the glass and the Holy Spirit is grieved. Now please understand that some sins are worse than others, but all sin creates somewhat of an enmity between you and God. To keep the glass full and be "filled with the Holy Spirit" means trying to keep yourself from sin and practicing the behaviors of a good Christian mentioned above. Only then can God bless you.

When you go to God with a prayer request, Jesus said whatever you ask for in my name I will give it to you ([John 16:23](#)). Why is it then that sometimes we do not get what we ask for? To ask in Jesus name means

that God endorses what your asking for. If you ask in His name and he doesn't agree with it, you're not really asking in His name. It is a matter of the will of God. It is not always because of sin and the enmity it creates between us and God as the reason why our prayers do not get answered. Sometimes it is simply not God's will. When we ask for something the answer that comes back from God is **yes, no or wait**. If

God feels what we asking for will benefit us and draw us closer to Him and give Him glory he will say **yes**. If God does not feel it is good for us, (though we do), or God has something else in mind which may be better, he will tell us **no**. If it something we could have but it is not time yet he will say **wait**.

The Bible has a lot to say about sin, and I can hardly give it all here. But the thing you need to remember is that the believer's sins are all forgiven (if

you are saved) *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9)*; however, there is still a consequence for sin built into God's world ([Romans 1:18-32](#)). It is the consequence for sin, along with our guilt that creates the enmity between us and God. That enmity will go away eventually as we walk down the road to righteousness and we reach its end. We establish fellowship with God again in the same degree we had before we sinned.

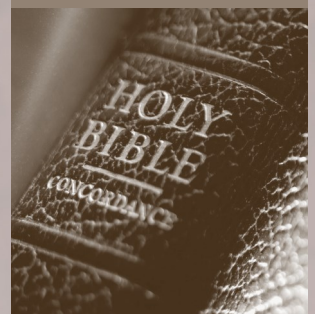
Isn't it wonderful to be walking with God? Since we always sin (some sins are worse than others) we will always be walking that road to righteousness, but we can have fellowship with God along the way.



(photo courtesy Microsoft Publisher) Many times one sin can lead to more sin and we start down a path that is going the opposite direction to God. To repent is to change your mind and change your direction, so we can turn around when we come to ourselves and return to God. The path back may be long—to be in that position of blessing and fellowship we once were, but whosoever comes to Jesus He in no wise will cast out.

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