

***If the Blood of Jesus removes our sin.....***



***....then why does the Bible  
say that we will be held accountable?***

**(Psalms 103:10-13)** He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

**(Revelations 1:5)** and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

Here are just a couple of many verses that tell us that we will be freed from our sins. But then there are verses like the following,

**(Matthew 12:36-37)** I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned

**(Romans 14:11-12)** For it is written, “As I live says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.

The first thing we should keep in mind when it comes to the subject of accountability is that most of the books of the New Testament begin something like “to the church of...” this tells us that they were written to Christians. I believe that is the key to understanding this subject.

Comparing the two sets of Scripture can easily become very confusing and they seem to be in contradiction of each other. I was told one time that the Bible cannot contradict itself. Where there seems to be a contradiction there's simply a misunderstanding. So the question now becomes “How can we make sense of this while remaining true to God's Word?” If we think about it the answer is fairly simple. When we become a Christian all of our previous sins are gone, the Blood of Christ has cleansed us from them, but after we become a Christian we know better and we will be held accountable. Now does that mean we're all going to go to Hell, after all we

are all sinners. The answer is “no not at all”. We have to remember that when we become Christians we become God’s children. Now with that in mind think about this analogy,

Lets say you have a child and he steals \$20 from your purse or wallet, sometime later you find out it was him and when questioned about it the child confesses and repents for his offense. Would you still punish the child? Probably so. But would you hate him and condemn him to death? If I had to guess I would say that your answer to the second question would be something like, “NO! I love him way too much to ever do something like that.”

**(Hebrews 12:6-11)** For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

One of the biggest misunderstandings of soteriology (the doctrine of salvation) is that it’s okay if we mess up and sin because when we stand at Judgement the blood of Jesus erased all of our sins. It is of the upmost importance of Christians to understand and accept that God will discipline us for our sins. Our discipline may come while were in the flesh and some will happen at the Judgment. Does that mean that God doesn’t love us? **NO!!** Just the opposite, Look at the Scripture, it states that God disciplines those He loves. We discipline our children so that they grow up to do the right things, and so the they understand that there are consequences for all that we do. We do this to equip our children with the ability to understand the concepts of right and wrong (moral law), and that is exactly what God does for us.

I pray that this helped you understand the subject of accountability. May The Lord God bless you in your daily lives.

We will be held accountable for the wrongs we do as Christians but God loves us and will not send His children to Hell. But do not be fooled God definitely disciplines those He loves.