

Forgiveness Is Available to All

John 3:16; Revelation 22:17

For those of us who aren't athletically inclined, gym class was often a miserable time in school. What a daunting feeling, as captains picked their dodge ball or field hockey teams. Time and again we were passed over, until almost everyone else was chosen. It was obvious we didn't measure up to what the leader was looking for.

Sadly, some people tend to see God in a similar way—as someone who looks at us with His incredible gift of forgiveness, then determines that we don't quite measure up to His standards. Thankfully, that perception couldn't be further from the truth. John 3:16 promises that:

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

God takes great joy in offering forgiveness to every person. He gives no thought to how we might "measure up"; He's only interested in our response. Have you accepted His invitation to join in a relationship with Him that will change your life and last for all eternity? He's calling your name today.

Why do you think some people struggle to accept that God's promise of forgiveness and new life applies to them?

How will knowing that you've received God's full forgiveness impact the way you view God? The way you view yourself? How will it impact the way you live your life?