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GOD IS READY TO FORGIVE

Various Texts:

For you, Lord, are kind and _____, abundant in faithful love to all who call on you.
Psalm 86:5 HCSB

God is ready to forgive even more, it could be argued, than _____ are ready to be forgiven.

God wants each one of us to be in a right _____ with him, a relationship in which nothing stands between our fellowship together. Romans 8:1 NIV

Three elemental principles that relate to God's forgiveness.

1. God forgives us once and for all and forever.

*He doesn't just forgive you part of the way or part of the time. His forgiveness is _____.
When God forgives, he forgives it all and he forgives it forever. Ref: Micah 7:19 ESV; Isa.
38:17 NIV; Ps. 103:12 NIV*

2. God forgives us once and for all and forever through the death of his Son, Jesus Christ.

Paul, the very one who was writing authoritatively about spiritual truth and Christian doctrine, refers to the gospel "as a mystery" He's saying that what we know about this, what we _____ about this, barely scratches the surface of all that it means. Ref: 1st John 2:2; ESV: 1st Peter 2:24 NIV; Romans 5:10 HCSB

We are saved and we are forgiven through the death of Jesus Christ. Ref: John 1:29 HCSB

The gospel mystery---When Jesus died on the cross, somehow, some way, all the sins of the world -- including all of your sins, past, present, and future -- were placed on him, and as he died, all the wrong that you have ever done, all the wrong that you will ever do, was paid in full.

You were forgiven. Because of his death, the gap that exists between you and a right relationship with God was permanently bridged.

The disapproval that you may think and that you may *feel* that you deserve from God, has now been transformed into _____. Ref: 1st Cor. 1:23-24

3. You're forgiven once and for all and forever, even though you can never earn or deserve God's forgiveness.

God's forgiveness is not based on who you are, it's based on _____ he is.

We don't deserve God's mercy, and it's not something we can _____ our way into deserving.
Ref: Rom. 6:23 NIV; Eph. 2:8-9 NIV; Titus 3:5 NIV; Ephesians 1:7-8) HSCB

God's _____, God's _____, God's forgiveness is not something you could ever hope to earn or deserve, but he gives it to you anyway -- not because you're good, but because he's good. Not because you're worthy of his praise, but because he is worthy of our praise.