

DECLARATIONS OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news: Life is good; the past is over and gone; the future is open. In Jesus Christ, we are free to live in love, in forgiveness, and in the newness of life. Thanks be to God!

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Let us now come to that Light, for in Jesus Christ, we are restored and forgiven. Thanks be to God!

As far as the East is from the West, as far as the sky is from the deep of the ocean, our Loving God, in Jesus Christ, has cast away our sin. The past has no claim upon us. With God, the future is open. Friends, believe the Good News of new life in Jesus Christ!

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the god of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy. If we confess our faults, God is faithful and just and will forgive us, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.