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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Ps 32:1-2 Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

I used to have a buddy in high school that was always saying to me, "I've got ya covered." In other words, when I needed something and couldn't figure out how to accomplish the task, he would swoop in and cover for me. It was great to have such a good friend like that.

It made a lot of sense to me as I began to study God's word and His proclamations to His children. It's like He is saying to anyone who will come to Him for salvation, "I've got you covered." And, He really does. David says our transgressions and sins are forgiven and they are covered. The Hebrew word for *covered* is **kasah** which means *to hide, conceal or to cover over*. There are so many pictures of this in scripture including the blood on the doorpost during Passover. The blood sprinkled on the mercy seat of the ark of the covenant. These remind us that our sins must be atoned for by the shedding of innocent blood.

Jesus, the Lamb of God, shed His precious, perfect blood to become the atonement or covering for our sins. In essence, our sins were washed away or covered over by the perfect blood of the Lamb. In total agony on the cross, Jesus cried out to the Father, "***Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.***" **Luke 23:34**. And then just a little later on the cross, He proclaimed, "***It is finished.***" **John 19:30**. What was finished? The Greek word is **tetelestai** which means, *it is accomplished or, now get this, I've have covered it*. This means that for anyone who will call on Him for salvation, His blood is able to cover their sins. Covered by the blood of the Lamb. He took your sin so that you could be made whole, clean and atoned for; or covered. There is no great proclamation in scripture than this: ***Tetelestai! It is finished!*** **John 19:30**

Dear LORD, how can we ever thank You enough for the price You paid upon the cross. You gave Your perfect blood to cover our imperfect sins. We don't deserve this, but we are so very grateful for Your grace and mercy. In Jesus Name, Amen