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*You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all our sins.*  
Colossians 2:13 NLT

*God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it.*  
John 3:17 NLT

*My guilt overwhelms me. It's a burden too heavy to bear. My wounds fester and they stink because of my foolish sins. I'm exhausted and completely crushed. My groans come from an anguished heart.* Psalm 38:3,4,5,8 NLT

**i. \_\_\_\_\_ where you've fallen short of God's Best**

*When I refused to confess my sin, I was weak and miserable, and I groaned all day long...Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.* Psalm 32:3,5 NLT

*For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard.*  
Romans 3:23 NLT

**ii. \_\_\_\_\_ your agenda with God's**

*But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong.* 1 John 1:9 NLT

*There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.*  
1 John 4:18 NIV

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*What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!*  
2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT

**iii. \_\_\_\_\_ HEALING by forgiving YOURSELF**

*God is so very rich in mercy, and He loved us so very much, that even while we were dead because of our sins, He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's special favor that you have been saved.)*  
Ephesians 2:4 NLT

*Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.* 1 Peter 4:8 NIV

*Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him.*  
Romans 4:7,8 NIV