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Initial observations by words study:

- There are 3 different Hebrew words used to define "*sin*"
- There are 3 different Hebrew words used to describe "*forgiveness*"
- There are 3 different words to describe "*my response*" to being "*forgiven*" of my "*sin*"

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1. The three Hebrew words for **SIN** are in your Bible as *transgression*, *sin* and *iniquity*.

## A. Transgression:

To shake one's fist at God and say, "I not!"

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1. The three Hebrew words for **SIN** are in your Bible as *transgression*, *sin* and *iniquity*.

A. Transgression:

B. Sin:

Miss the bullseye. To decide to do one thing and wind up doing another.

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1. The three Hebrew words for **SIN** are in your Bible as *transgression*, *sin* and *iniquity*.

A. Transgression:

B. Sin:

C. Iniquity:

To be bent or crooked. To be bent over and not standing up straight.

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2. Three Hebrew words for **FORGIVENESS**.  
*Nasah, covered and counted against.*

A. This word "NASAH" to pick something up and carry it away.

"Blessed are those, who when they miss the mark, their sin is picked up and carried from one place to another."



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2. Three Hebrew words for **FORGIVENESS**.  
*Nasah, covered and counted against.*

A. This word "NASAH" to pick something up and carry it away.

B. This word "**COVERED**"

Blessed is the one whose sins are **COVERED** so that they don't show anymore" They are not recognizable.

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*Nasah, covered and counted against.*

A. This word "NASAH" to pick something up and carry it away.

B. This word "**COVERED**"

C. The word "**COUNT**"

Blessed is the one against whom God will not calculate, or determine or value their sins.

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Illustration: Trash.

**Psalm 103, Leviticus 16, Leviticus 16:20**

The one dedicated to God was the one to kill.

The one dedicated to Azazel.

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Now we want to see how Jesus Christ has forgiven our sins:

Hebrews 9:7, Hebrews 9:25-27,  
Hebrews 10:11,12

So, what does it mean to be forgiven?

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"Blessed is the one whose sins have been picked up and carried away,

Blessed is the one whose sins have been covered up and the don't show anymore, and

Blessed is the one against whom God will not calculate, or determine or value their sins."

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3. Three words that describe **OUR RESPONSE** to being forgiven: **Psalm 32:11**

**A. Rejoice:** "to celebrate with wild unrestrained passion"

**B. Be glad:** "to shout!"

**C. Sing:** inexplicable joy.

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“God through Jesus Christ who has offered himself as a sacrifice once and for all, picks up my sin, my trash and carries it away, covers it up and says, “I will never bring it up again!”

How – can - I - do - anything less than celebrate with unrestrained passion to shout and to sing with inexpressible joy?