



When we do the wrong thing, the devil sits on our shoulder and reminds us of it over and over. It becomes like a balloon. It grows bigger and bigger. It grows from a small balloon to a huge hot air balloon. So big we can't see around it.

Satan lies to us—such as: "What you did is too bad to be forgiven." "A Holy God does not want anything to do with someone as sinful and bad as you." "You need to punish yourself and suffer for what you did."

God's word, the Bible, tells us something different. God is not surprised by our sin—no matter what wrong we have done. To people, society, sin has degree of big and little sins. Sin to God is sin no matter which one.

Sin with people began in the Garden of Eden. What was the "sin" that happened? Not believing what God said and believing Satan instead.

Disobeying what God said. Doing what Satan suggested, instead.

When we sin, (and we all do) many times over, the best and wisest thing we can do is run to God immediately and throw ourselves in His arms and say I'm sorry, please forgive me, and help me do right thing the next time.

Joy fills God's heart when we come to him. He made us, He loves us, He wants us to come to Him. He knows all about sin. When Eve and Adam sinned in the Garden, God told them that he had a plan. Through the "seed" of the woman, a baby from the woman, God would "bruise" the head of Satan, and Satan would "bruise" the heel of the baby/man. That happened with Jesus. The baby that was born of a woman was created in her by the power of the Holy Spirit. That baby/man took the punishment of death for all sin of everyone upon himself. He conquered over sin and death. God's plan from the beginning—from the time in the Garden—was to have a way for us to be "free" from our sin and wrong doing. God's plan was completed when Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead. Sin has been paid in full. You do not have to pay for your own sin. Guilt does not have to be yours. God's forgiveness declares you, "Not guilty!" God's forgiveness makes us perfectly clean of all sin.

"Though your sins be a scatter, they shall be as white as snow." Isaiah 1:18  
Satan will keep trying to remind you of your sin.  
But God's word says:  
"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." Psalms 103:12  
The great men in the Bible—Moses and David—both murdered a man. David committed adultery and caused the woman's husband to be killed. Abraham made some unwise choices. Paul in the New Testament, sent Jewish people who believed in Jesus to jail and some of them died. Yet all of these men were forgiven and became great leaders of faith and godly living.  
After David sinned, he asked for forgiveness. Later, God called him. "A man after my own heart." When God forgives us—he will never hold that sin against us again.  
Psalms 103:3 "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities"  
Psalms 130:3 "If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee."  
But remember, Jesus said to the woman caught in adultery, "Go and sin no more." John 8:11. With God's help, we can do the right thing.