



# What about Pedro, Muhammad, Xia Ping?

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There's a question that always comes up when the topic of salvation is spoken about.

What about Pedro deep in the Amazon rain forest? Will he be thrown into the lake of fire because no missionary has ever boated up to him and spoken to him about Jesus?

What about Muhammad sitting in a tent deep within a Muslim controlled desert where no Christian foot has ever trodden. Will he be thrown into the lake of fire for not knowing about baptism?

What about Xia Ping wading calf deep in a rice paddy somewhere in Asia. Will he be cast into the furnace of the lake of fire for not being baptized for the remission of sins?

Will Pedro, Muhammad, Xia Ping and billions others be cast into the lake of fire forever for not having someone tell them about Jesus and what they must do to be saved?

How would a Christian respond to this question?

I respond by saying that there is only one law. That one law was in existence in the Old Testament and in the New Testament. Ex12:49, 32:33, Rm6:23

RSV Exodus 12:49 There shall be **one law** for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you."

RSV Exodus 32:33 But the Lord said to Moses, "**Whoever has sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.**

RSV Romans 6:23 For the **wages of sin is death**, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Noah's flood and Sodom and Gomorrah are examples of this judgment of the wicked in the Old Testament.

That should be final. One law and if one breaks it then death. But.....What about children who don't have the faculties to understand the gospel? Are they going to be torched in the lake of fire as well?

No, the Children are covered by their parents -1Corth7:14.

RSV 1 Corinthians 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is consecrated through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is consecrated through her husband. Otherwise, **your children** would be unclean, but as it is they **are holy**.

The bible gives the age of accountability to be age 20 by the following verses:

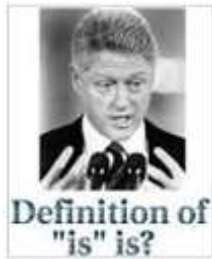
1) **Census:** [Exo 30:14](#) Every one that passeth among them that are numbered, from **twenty years** old and above, shall give an offering unto the LORD.

2) **Army age:** [Num 1:3](#) From **twenty years** old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

3) **Denied Promise land** [Num 14:29](#) Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from **twenty years** old and upward, which have murmured against me,

Science has it that around 20 years old is when the frontal lobes (wrong and right reasoning portion of the brain) get fully formed. Once the frontal lobes are fully functioning then there is no excuse for one to say they don't know how to behave.

So if there is an exemption for children while they are under age (age of ignorance), then are there other exemptions in the bible for others?



Yes.

I believe that the argument comes down to the same logic as Bill Clinton with his definition of "is" is. If you didn't know what his definition was then you couldn't understand his convoluted explanation.

Words need to be defined in the bible to fully understand the meaning. The possible exemption comes down to what the definition of sin is.

What is the definition of sin?

Most bible reading Christians will recite 1 John 3:4

RSV 1 John 3:4 Every one who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; **sin is lawlessness.**

Sin is breaking the law. Is there another definition in the bible which sin is defined? Yes but we'll get to that later.

If sin is the breaking of a law then how can you explain Exodus 34:7 where it mentions that the Lord forgives iniquity, transgression and sin.

RSV Exodus 34:7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, **forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin**, but who will by **no means clear the guilty**, *visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.*"

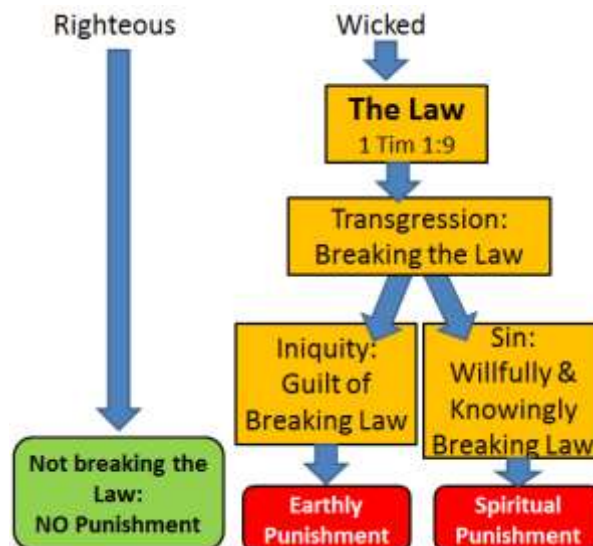
What's the definition of iniquity, transgression and sin? They aren't the same. There is a distinct difference between all three so that the bible records 3 forgiveness instead of just the sin forgiveness.

I believe that the bible defines transgression, iniquity and sins as follows:

**Transgression:** 172 verses point to Transgression as breaking of the law. The law existed before Moses, during Moses time and after the cross.

**Iniquity:** 262 verses point to Iniquity as guilt (which leads to earthly punishment) for breaking the law

**Sin:** 389 verses point to Sin as the Spiritual punishment for knowingly/willfully breaking the law



## Transgression:

Transgression is tied to breaking the word, commandment, ordinance, statute, Num 14:41, of the Lord. This is the evidence/fact of you knowingly or unknowingly breaking one of God's laws.

Num 14:41 And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD, seeing it shall not prosper?

2Jn 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

## Iniquity

Iniquity is quilt. With guilt comes punishment even if you didn't know you were breaking the law.



**Example:** if you didn't know about the food laws of the bible and eat pig everyday then you have transgressed (broken) the food laws. Your guilt (Iniquity) may not invoke punishment immediately but eventually the unclean food will impact your health – could be Trichinosis from the meat or other things that pig meat causes.

**Example:** if you didn't know about the financial laws of God and engaged in usury and debt then your life will be controlled and freedom will be limited.

Dan 9:5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

Act 1:18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

Isa 22:14 And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

Luk 12:47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not *himself*, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

Luk 12:48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

## Sin:

The Lord told Samuel to tell the Chief Priest Eli that he had sinned because he knew that his sons were stealing peoples meat offerings, 1Sam2:12-17, and made the women servicing at the tent of meeting as temple prostitutes, 1Sam2:22. Eli willfully and knowingly let his sons do those actions without punishment. The Lord considered that as a Sin against the Holy Spirit and said no offering could remove that deliberate sin.

1Sa 3:13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever, for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons did bring a curse upon themselves, and he restrained them not.

1Sa 3:14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

1Sa 2:12 Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD.

1Sa 2:13 And the custom of the priests with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;

1Sa 2:14 and he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took therewith. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

1Sa 2:15 Yea, before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

1Sa 2:16 And if the man said unto him, They will surely burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would say, Nay, but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force.

1Sa 2:17 And the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

1Sa 2:22 Now Eli was very old; and he heard all that his sons did unto all Israel, and how that they lay with the women that did service at the door of the tent of meeting.

### How does this all relate to Pedro, Muhammad and Xia Ping?

There is an exemption if you are in ignorance of the bible.



In Acts 17:30 God overlooked times of ignorance (famine of the word/law) meaning if you are ignorant of the word since no one has ever spoken to you about the bible then there appears to be an exception. Someone has to tell you that you need to repent – Rom 10:14. If one has no knowledge of the law (the word of God) then no spiritual sin is imputed but you still remain guilty of breaking any laws – Lev 5:17

- Act 17:30 The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked; but now he commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent:
- Rom 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?
- Rom 5:13 for until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
- Lev 5:17 And if any one sin, and do any of the things which the LORD hath commanded not to be done, though he knew it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity.

Jesus in Jn 9:40-41 told the Pharisees that if they were blind then they would have no sin but since they said they weren't blind then their sin remained.

Joh 9:40 Those of the Pharisees which were with him heard these things, and said unto him, Are we also blind?

Joh 9:41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye would have no sin: but now ye say, We see: your sin remaineth.



When you can see and then reject the bible then the curse falls on you – Heb 10:26.

Heb 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more a sacrifice for sins

If you knowingly do something that you know is wrong then that is defined as a sin – James 4:17

Jas 4:17 To him therefore that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

That was the case of Judas when he betrayed Jesus for some coins Mk 14:21. Ananias and Sapphira in Act 5:1-5 when they knowingly lied about a gift to God. Lucifer and the fallen angels also fit this since they knew God as He really was and still rebelled against Him.

Mar 14:21 For the Son of man goeth, even as it is written of him: but **woe unto that man through whom the Son of man is betrayed!** good were it for that man if he had not been born.

Act 5:1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,  
Act 5:2 and kept back *part* of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Act 5:3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart **to lie to the Holy Ghost**, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land?

Act 5:4 Whiles it remained, did it not remain thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thy power? How is it that thou hast conceived this thing in thy heart? **thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.**

Act 5:5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down and gave up the ghost: and great fear came upon all that heard it.

Jesus will judge everyone with true justice both while they are here on earth and after they die. Those who have never heard of the bible but still keep the law then they will be blessed here on earth by the blessings by keeping the law.

Rom 2:14 for when Gentiles which **have no law do by nature the things of the law**, these, having no law, are a law unto themselves;

Rom 2:15 in that they shew the work of **the law written in their hearts**, their conscience bearing witness therewith, and their thoughts one with another accusing or else excusing *them*;



So one idea is to let those people alone in their ignorance of the bible so that they can fall into the ignorance grace crack but if we do that then we commit a violation of God's word – Ez3:17-19

Eze 3:17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

Eze 3:18 **When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life;** the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but **his blood wilt I require at thine hand.**

Eze 3:19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

To receive the full blessings of the bible then you tell a person of their ignorance of the bible, you preach to them the word – Mk16:16

Mar 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, **and preach the gospel** to the whole creation.

Why? So that they can be like King David and acknowledge their sin, iniquity and transgressions Ps32:5 and of your fathers and accept the punishment of the iniquity Lev26:40-41 so that the transgressors can be converted – Ps51:13.

- Psa 32:5 **I acknowledged my sin** unto thee, and **mine iniquity** have I not hid: I said, I will **confess my transgressions** unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*
- Lev 26:40 And they shall **confess their iniquity**, and the **iniquity of their fathers**, in their trespass which they trespassed against me, and also that because they have walked contrary unto me,
- Lev 26:41 I also walked contrary unto them, and brought them into the land of their enemies: if then their uncircumcised heart be humbled, and they then **accept of the punishment of their iniquity**;
- Psa 51:13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Ignorance of the law will kill you here on earth as 42 little children who mocked Elijah found out as Elijah cursed them and 42 died by 2 bears.

**2Ki 2:23** And he went up from thence unto Beth-el: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth **little children** out of the city, and **mocked him**, and said unto him, **Go up, thou bald head**; go up, thou bald head.

**2Ki 2:24** And he looked behind him and saw them, and **cursed them in the name of the LORD**. And there came forth two she-bears out of the wood, and **tare forty and two children of them**.

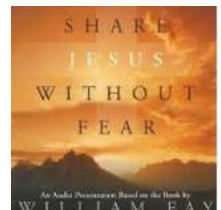
Iniquity and sin separate us from God (Isa59:2) so if a person can remove their iniquity and sin then God will be near and he will listen to prayers and receive blessings and protections.

**Isa 59:2** but your **iniquities have separated between you and your God**, and your **sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear**.

So what happens to Pedro, Muhammad and Xia Ping? If they are ignorant of the bible because of no preacher has brought them the word then they are under a form of grace and Jesus will judge righteously.

If they have heard the word and have rejected it then they are no longer blind and are held responsible for their sins. It's difficult to imagine any adults in Europe or the USA that have never heard of the bible and Jesus – they would be held accountable of their sin of rejection of the commandments of Jesus on judgment day.

“Share Jesus without Fear” is a Judeo-Christian faith only CD on how to share Jesus with others so that they can accept Him into their lives.



One point it made was that, on average, it takes 7.6 times for a person to be presented the gospel by various means before they accept Jesus (faith only). I believe it would take a higher amount to urge them that Adult full immersion water baptism is the required method of baptism according to the bible.

Nobody knows where someone is in God's eyes on their walk towards/away from Jesus. You could be the 1<sup>st</sup> encounter planter contact or the .6 encounter closer. We are to preach the word, 2Tim4:2, and pray that person may come around and enter the body thru baptism.

There is only one way to remove sin attached to you and that is baptism as Acts 2:38 states:

- **Act 2:38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and **be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- **1Pe 3:21** The like figure whereunto *even* **baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:
- **Gal 3:27** For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ.

Regards,

Called/Chosen + Hear + Believe + Repent + Confess + Baptize + Abide = Salvation -> Proclaim  
Mt22:14 + Lk11:28 + Jn3:16 + Mk6:12 + Rm10:9 + Acts2:38 + Heb10:26 = 1 Pt 3:21 -> Mt28:19-20