


Uh, Father, Sir, as your oldest and of course perfect son, I don't like all this partying over my little dirty brother, who obviously is not as good as I am, and, you must remember, I have worked hard for you all year, I'm perfect, you know, never went off on a binge



Son, I keep trying to tell you, you can't earn my love, I love you whether you are good or bad, everything I've always had has been yours, even my love, please just accept that


God, what right do You have to treat my dirty brother that way, you said in Exodus 34:7 that you would "Not Clear The Guilty"



That's right son, but I also said that I would keep mercy and lovingkindness forgiving sins

How can you do both?


I'm glad you asked. Remember the Robe, the ring, the sandals and the fatted calf that I gave to Luke?...well those things are COVENANT items. In a COVENANT everything I own goes to you, and everything you own goes to ME, even your sin....My Son Jesus bore all of Luke's sin on The Cross, that is a blood COVENANT, that's how I expressed my Love. Luke is just as if he never sinned. He's clean, you can be too.



No fair man, I've been perfect, uh, I think

Man, it feels great to be loved, Dad is great, I really appreciate Him now! No guilt, just appreciation for who I really am.

I really am changing, hmmm....somehow those things that I used to like just don't seem so great to me any more. But I still have fun!





We love Him, because He first loved us. I John 4:19

If my older brother could just understand what it feels like to be accepted, just because God loves us; God doesn't give us report cards and judge us on our performance (sorry teachers)

I'm sure glad that God finally revealed His Son so that we could understand what that Exodus 34 stuff means, "won't clear the guilty, but forgives sin", hmmm, really neat.

Now I know what Jesus meant when He said that we would experience "rivers of living water" in our souls..there's nothing like this.

Pride!!!


I guess it's all tied up in the definitions of FORGIVENESS and EXCUSING. God won't excuse us, He can't: it would be like someone pretending they don't have cancer.

Excuse means:
 to make allowances for..
 to overlook..
 to give reasons for..

God doesn't make allowances for sin, He can't, He can't just overlook things, He knows we'll burn.

But He also did not need our reasons for sending Jesus to the Cross to take our penalty.

BUT FORGIVE means to take away, to cut away our sin and paste it on A Perfect Man Jesus The Son of God



I John 1:9