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Subject: Gleanings from the "Gospels" Retaining Sins?

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Quote:John 20:21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Here's a good one for the theologians: What is meant by retaining the sins of others?

Definition of "retain":

retain

[ri-teyn]

verb (used with object)

1.to keep possession of.

2.to continue to use, practice, etc.:

to retain an old custom.

3.to continue to hold or have:

to retain a prisoner in custody; a cloth that retains its color.

4.to keep in mind; remember.

5.to hold in place or position.

6.to engage, especially by payment of a preliminary fee:

Don't know if anyone can tackle this one but it sounds like someone is not forgiving a sin but remembering what someone has done. I don't understand for what reason you would "retain" someones sin.

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