

## What is a Pardon?

Under President Andrew Jackson's Administration, a very strange thing happened! A railway mail-clerk named George Wilson killed his co-worker and tied himself up, to make it appear that a train robbery had occurred. However, during routine questioning, a few flaws were found in testimony and he broke down and confessed and was sentenced to death. But friends of his started circulating petitions for mercy, and public opinion was so greatly aroused that President Jackson granted a pardon.



Then worldwide news was made when the prisoner refused to accept the pardon! Not knowing what to do with the prisoner, this case finally was sent to the Supreme Court, and Justice John Marshall wrote in decision: "A pardon is a paper, the value of which depends upon its acceptance by the person implicated. It is hardly supposed that one under death would refuse to accept a pardon, but if it is refused it is no pardon. George Wilson must hang." (And he did!)

The same is true spiritually. You are a sinner under the sentence of death, condemned to an eternal hell. So, it is hardly to be supposed, that one in his right mind would refuse the great PARDON that Jesus paid for with His own precious blood on Calvary! But, if we do refuse this pardon, it is no pardon, and we must pay the wages of sin which is death and eternal separation from God and love ones. So, won't you accept Jesus right now, and ask him to forgive you and to come into your heart? If you accept this pardon and would like additional information please click on contact us.