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# Forgiven and Forgotten?

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# God Forgives and Forgets Our Sins

Isaiah 43:25 "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And **I will not remember your sins.**

Jeremiah 31:34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and **their sin I will remember no more.**"

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## 2 Peter 1:5-11

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## 2 Peter 1:5-11

9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and **has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.** 10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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## Matthew 18:32-35

Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 33 **Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?**' 34 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. 35 "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

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## Colossians 3:12-13

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; **even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.**

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# 1 Timothy 1:12-17

And **I thank Christ Jesus our Lord** who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, 13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. 15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. 16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. 17 **Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever.** Amen.

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## Psalms 103:1-4

Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 **Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,**

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## Luke 18:9-14

Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men -- extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' 14 **I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.**"

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## Luke 7:36-48

Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him.

And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. 37 And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, 38 and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.

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## Luke 7:36-48

39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." 40 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." 41 "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. **Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?"** 43 **Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more."** And He said to him, "You have rightly judged."

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## Luke 7:44-48

Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. 45 You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. 46 You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. 47 Therefore I say to you, **her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.**" 48 Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

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## 1 John 4:7-11

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. **11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.**

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  - ❑ Evangelistic Fervor (1 Cor. 15:9-10; Psa. 51:7, 12-13)
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## 1 Corinthians 15:9-10

For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 **But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.**

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## Psalms 51:7,12-13

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
...12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. 13  
Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,  
And sinners shall be converted to You.

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# Forgetting That I Ever Needed Forgiveness

- Fixing the Problem - Acts 26
    - Recall my life before Christ (v. 9-11)
    - Recall why I first came to Christ (v. 12-18)
    - Recall my spiritual growth (v. 19-23)
    - Attribute every success to God, and every failure to myself
    - Labor for Him
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## Philippians 3:13–14 (ESV)

**13** Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: **forgetting what lies behind** and straining forward to what lies ahead, **14** I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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## Psalms 32:1-5

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered. 2 Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit. 3 When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. 4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah 5 I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

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## Psalms 32:10-11

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him. 11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

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    - Hope (Rom. 8:28-30)
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## Romans 8:28-30

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

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## Romans 8:31-34

What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who can be against us?** 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

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## Isaiah 44:22

I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, And like a cloud, your sins.  
**Return to Me, for I have redeemed you."**

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  - ❑ Repentance (Isa. 44:22)
  - ❑ Resistance to Sin (Rom. 6:1-6, 11-14)
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## Romans 6:1-6

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that **our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.**

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# Forgetting That I was Forgiven

- Fixing the Problem - 1 Cor. 15:9-10
    - Make sure my sins are forgiven
    - Every time past failings come up
      - Acknowledge them
      - Praise God for His love for me and His willingness to forgive me
    - Promise God that His grace will not be in vain
    - Labor for Him
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# I must Remember...

- I am a Sinner...

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- Love for God
- Love for Brethren
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Forgiven Me!

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# Are Your Sins Forgiven?

- If they are it will be because...
    - You Believed in Jesus – John 8:24
    - You Repented of Your Sins – Luke 13:5
    - You Confessed Jesus before Men – Matt. 10:32-33
    - You were Baptized for the Remission of your Sins – John 3:5; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16
    - You are walking in fellowship with Him – 1 John 1:6-9
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# Are Your Sins Forgotten?

- God will remember them no more – Jer. 31:34
- Be we must not forget! – Psalm 103:2-3



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