

General Topics :: Past, Present, and Future Forgiveness?

Past, Present, and Future Forgiveness? - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2010/12/1 12:48

When we ask Jesus to be our Lord and savior and to forgive our sins, from my understanding, "ALL" of our sins are forgiven. Past, present, future, forgotten ones. All of them. There is no more condemnation. Question is, are our future sins really forgiven?

Re: Past, Present, and Future Forgiveness?, on: 2010/12/1 13:02

Col 2:13-14, "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.

How many of your sins did God know about before you were born? (All of them.)

How many of them did He record on your certificate of debt mentioned in the passage in Colossians referenced above? (All of them.)

How many of your sins did Jesus pay for on the cross? (All of them.)

How many of them were future at that time? (All of them.)

How many sins was He referring to when He said, "If is finished"? (All of them.)

At the time you were saved, how many of your sins did God forgive?

Re: Past, Present, and Future Forgiveness? - posted by Lysa (), on: 2010/12/1 13:03

I'm not sure. I would not tell anyone they are not saved but I could not in all good conscience tell them, "No worries about ever repenting again, all your future sins are forgiven as well."

I wasn't trying to be a smart alec, I really would like to know as well. I hear other people teaching this in the jail to the inmates.

God bless,
Lisa

Re: Re: Past, Present, and Future Forgiveness? - posted by Lysa (), on: 2010/12/1 13:06

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That's good Lisa! I never thought about that.
I guess my "best guess" would be The mind here is key, the body simply a vessel to contain thoughts, loving thoughts.

Re: Past, Present, and Future Forgiveness? - posted by knitefall, on: 2010/12/1 13:27

can I offer a little insight?

I don't mean to stir water and tip the boat... to much.

I've posted on these things in the past and have found folk have nasty spirits sometimes. So I will not argue but will offer the Grace and Faith explanation:

confession will get you forgiveness of some sin or that sin. Repentance will get you the Kingdom.

We do repent of self and self's power. Along with that, we repent of viewing God as an angry judge that needs to be pleased by our good acts and good behavior. THAT, we repent of.

Of course there will be manifestations of flesh through our life.

Jesus bore ALL our sins at the Cross. So you must STOP bearing them (thought they are there at times).

He is altogether Lovely.

Re: Past, Present, and Future Forgiveness?, on: 2010/12/1 13:29

Hi MrBill,

Don't know if you had this verse in mind, but your question reminds me of an old thread called Propitiation and the Red Heifer. Until we lay hold on God for a specific forgiveness, we have not received it, even though the provision for it has already been made.

Romans 3:25

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Paul's plea to the Corinthians in 2:5, is on the basis that they need to be 'reconciled' with God. We assume he was speaking to Christians.

Re: Shall we continue in sin? - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2010/12/1 13:53

One of the requirements for being forgiven is confession:

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

G3670 ὁμολογέω; hom-ol-og-eh'-o
From a compound of the base of G3674 and G3056; to assent, that is, covenant, acknowledge: - con- (pro-) fess, confession is made, give thanks, promise.

How can we as human beings acknowledge something that is to happen in the future? We can acknowledge the likelihood of it happening. But to acknowledge a specific sin before committing it would be like premeditated murder. Then you run into another issue:

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

Heb 10:27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

Heb 10:28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

Heb 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

We are not even supposed to be sinning at all after dying to sin:

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Rom 6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Rom 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Rom 6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

If it happens, there is hope. In the advocate:

1Jn 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

1Jn 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1Jn 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

1Jn 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

If it happens on a regular basis after we are supposedly saved. It is highly likely that we are merely deceived and not really saved:

1Jn 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

1Jn 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

1Jn 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2010/12/1 13:58

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Of course I am going to agree with the Word of God, but isn't confession and true repentance sort of different. I could confess to a crime, but go on being a crook, right?

Re: - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2010/12/1 14:00

Rom 6:20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

Rom 6:21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

Rom 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Re: Past, Present, and Future Forgiveness? - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2010/12/1 14:08

Quote:

-----All of them. There is no more condemnation.

The possibility of having "no more condemnation" is only for those who continue to walk in the Spirit:

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Rom 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Rom 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Rom 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2010/12/1 14:09

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God did give us the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, so even though we may not know what our future sins are, it would appear, Jesus has them all covered. It's sort of like insurance, even though you don't know what your future is, as you drive down the road, Jesus' death on the Cross, gives us a peace within, that were covered, Past, Present, and Future.

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/12/1 14:15

I don't think so Mr. Bill. A true Christian's confession, and his repentance are not mutually exclusive. A Crook's (if said crook is a continuing crook) confession is not regenerative either, so the argument is a bit of a straw one. (In my opinion, please don't take that in a spirit other than I meant it brother.)

Christianity is one phase of repentance leading into the next until the day our bones are buried.

"Having begun in the Spirit are you now made perfect by the flesh?"

The just shall LIVE by faith. (The emphasis from Galatians)

The way Galatians applies this scripture is in an rhetorically exhortational fashion. Indicating that the Galatian church had stopped growing in grace. More gas needed to be put into that churches generator. Get back to your origin of repentance. Live by faith.

Michale's commentary is how the bible talks about this issue, all the scriptures he quoted were the same that leapt to my mind when the question was raised. We have to discuss these kinds of questions only within the framework of how scripture states them. And according to my recollection (which is often really weak I might add) you will be hard pressed to find the section in scripture that addresses the forgiveness of future sin with bullet points. But Michale brought a well placed cornucopia from various passages for good consideration.

When we discuss this outside of scripture, we get into all sorts of confusing corridors and labyrinths.

Re: - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2010/12/1 14:27

Brother MrBillPro,

If you can get to heaven with that theology, THANK GOD Â... we will all rejoice together when our faulty understanding is fully enlightened by the presence of Truth in heaven Â...

However, I caution you that if you go with that line of thinking you could get contaminated with Â“greasy graceÂ” mentality where your conscience gets seared, and you continue in sin with the false assumption that ALL is forgiven regardless of how much you display fruits of unrighteousness.

1Jn 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1Jn 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

1Jn 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

If we don't keep bearing fruit of righteousness, we get cut off of the vine:

Jua 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

Jua 15:2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Jua 15:3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

Jua 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Jua 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Jua 15:6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

Beware of people who would try to deceive you into thinking that you can live a life that bears fruit of sin, and still be saved:

Mat 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Mat 7:16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Mat 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

Mat 7:18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Mat 7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Mat 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2010/12/1 14:34

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I guess I should have said this from the beginning, sorry. "I do personally confess and repent after any sin" I started this thread, as I thought it might be something we all may have "some" reservations about, and through Jesus Christ, it might take any reservations away, from those who may not act on, or know how to act on sin as God wants us to.

Re: - posted by UntoBabes (), on: 2010/12/1 15:13

First, I would like to thank the mind that dared to ask.

I know this is long and you are all caught up in defending your view points but please read it all.

As with any Biblical truth, there are two sides to the coin.

Justification is the act of being reconciled to God, and made children of mercy rather than children of wrath.

But there is a problem, God is holy and can not have a fellowship with anything that is not.

There is another problem, God is infinite, does not have beginning or days or end of life. He lives outside of time. When a sin is committed, it is played before His holy eyes for eternity no matter how small this sin is. Nothing that man can do can stop the wrath of God from burning in anger against that sinner, not because God enjoys or finds delight in being wrathful, but His holy nature and His very being is to be in opposition to anything unholy. He can not help it.

God in His wisdom and mercy had found away in Christ, Himself in human flesh to solve the problem of fellowshiping with man. In Christ, the God-man God the Father can stop sin committed by the redeemed from playing before him for eternity by laying it on the eternal Christ. Only Christ can purchase eternal salvation for man-kind because of his eternal nature.

This is really crucial and what makes Christianity different from other religions. People view God as holding a scale (the old kind with two sides that you see in courtrooms) and weighing their good deeds and bad deeds and the side that goes down is the winning side. If someone had done more good deeds than bad, then he is safe. This is a pagan perception of God. Our God is not that way, that is why a small sin like a lie committed by someone is sufficient to send this person to hell for eternity, even if it was the only sin he had ever committed in all his life, even if that person had done good deeds for the rest of his life to pay for that sin. It is not sufficient. Only Christ sacrifice and blood can pay for that sin, for the sins of the whole world if the whole world would believe on Him.

The conclusion of the first side of the coin is: No one will make it to eternal life without their sins past, present, and future laid on Christ.

This is the sweet half that everyone likes to hear, but wait, there is more truth that is hard to swallow, the bitter half.

The other side of the coin:

At the time of Justification, reconciliation with God is achieved, when a sinner believes in Christ sacrifice on the cross and repents of his sin (meaning to feel a great remorse for ever offending God's holiness and serving the Devil, His enemy) Two things must take place. Restitution to man, and restitution to God. While Christ takes care of the latter when we come to Him by faith, we must take care of the former and make restitutions to those who were hurt by our sins, because that also gives glory to God in heaven when we proclaim to others that we are now followers of a holy God who hates sin.

At justification , out PAST SINS are taken care of.

But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his PAST SINS. 2 Pet 1:9

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of the SINS THAT ARE PAST, through the forbearance of God; Rom 3:25

In that sense, to say to someone that if they believe on Christ, their past, present , and future sins are forgiven is deceptive and unbiblical language. If that was the case, the Christian life would have been a piece of cake.

The Bible says that all our sins were forgiven. Imagine your life a sheet of paper written all over with sins. At the moment of justification, that sheet of paper was wiped clean. In biblical language, the crimson stained garment was washed as white as snow. But that does not mean that the sheet of paper can not be filled again, or the garment stained again, that does not mean that the washed sow can not go back to her wallowing places or the dog to his vomit.

Now the big question

How then can the two sides of the coin be reconciled? How is it true that no one can make it to eternal life without all the sins they have ever committed being laid on Christ due to His eternal nature and our inability to please God on our own due to God's infinitely holy nature. And how is it that we are told by the Scripture that only our past sins are taken care of at justification.

First, it is assumed in the Scriptures that those who are washed will not go back to their old way of life. The Bible is filled with exhortations, warnings, and question marks to indicate the amazement of the author(the Holy Spirit) at how can someone desire again their old conduct of living after they have tasted God's goodness and forbearance. It grieves the heart of God to see a backslidden believer.

1 John 1:2

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye SIN NOT. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

The way to reconcile the two sides is repentance, on the part of the sinner, and asking the Father to cover the sin with the blood of Christ, but that is for those who have a mind to SIN NOT. If they sin when they tried hard not to, they may come to God pleading the blood of Christ.

Friends,

There are many people who were justified but will not make it to eternal life because of a faulty understanding of the gospel they were given. We are given everything that we need for life and godliness. The warnings in the Scriptures about the impossibility to renew for a second time those who were once renewed are real. They are there to serve a function to bring the backslidden sinner to a climax of agony and remorse over his sin without which forgiveness will not be granted.

Many well meaning teachers have tried to explain away those passages to fit them with their theology to give sinners hope, but in reality it ended up creating a breed of believers with a harlot's for-head , unashamed, and unremorseful for offending God's holiness.

Re: - posted by DirkW (), on: 2010/12/1 16:18

We must be aware we don't fall in a legalistic mindset about this topic. We just can't confess all sin everytime always because we don't know all in mind, acts, heart etc. We would be doing that all day if we knew all. We confess what God reveals. I think this link shows it biblically. If you truly are a christian i think this is a right way to live
<http://www.gotquestions.org/confession-forgiveness.html>

DirkW - posted by Lysa (), on: 2010/12/1 16:27

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This is true but "if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God." 1 John 3:20-21

God bless,
Lisa

Re: DirkW - posted by UntoBabes (), on: 2010/12/1 16:33

For the sins we are not aware of, we may plead with the Psalmist" Search me O Lord and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

For the rest, I think we know them pretty well, unless we have allowed our conscience to be de-sensitized. Very dangerous state to be in and a sign of God's judgment when He is resisted long enough.

Re: sin - posted by jimp, on: 2010/12/1 17:00

hi, i believe that the bible teaches free grace,cheaper to us who believe than greasy grace...i see that sin and all its penalty was taken care of by the finished work of Jesus on the cross...i see that He cut an everlasting covenant for God and for man on that cross for He is the God man...i see that He sits at the right hand of the father as the covenant cutter and the covenant keeper and the covenant maker and the covenant lawyer,ever making intercession for us.i also see Jesus taking the full wrath of The Father upon Himself on the cross so that there can be no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus.i see Him providing me the Comforter (latin with strength)to live inside me and guide me.i hear Him say that he will in no way cast me out and that He is able to keep me against that day... i see men trying to take some control of this situation so that they gain responsibility for salvation and if they can they will fail.when one goes to an altar he goes to die...altars are places of sacrifice...places where you reckon yourself dead ... the baptism that flows from this is being buried with Jesus unto His death,burial and resurrection.dead men are dead and the life we live is Christ' life living in us.jimp

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THANK GOD for free grace:

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

The fact that does good works does not mean that he is in control of the situation at all. When God takes control of a life, that life can ONLY produce good works.

"dead men are dead and the life we live is Christ's life living in us"

If grace has entered into our lives we are truly dead and Christ's life is living in us. If that is the case, there is no need to discuss forgiveness of future sins. A dead man cannot sin. Slap a dead corpse. Will he fight back? Tempt a dead corpse to commit ANY sin under the sun. It will not happen. He is dead. If Christ's life is there where the dead man was ... can Christ sin?

If man is in control of his righteousness, he is destined to sin. If Christ is in control of a man's righteousness, he cannot sin.

Re: - posted by UntoBabes (), on: 2010/12/1 18:26

Jim,

would you please explain what you mean by the phrase "Christ's finished work on the cross". I understand when Jesus said: "It is finished" to mean that his part of the redeeming work is finished. That means He does not have to go to the cross and be crucified all over again every time some one believes on Him. On the other hand, when some one believes, the Bible says they crucify to themselves the Son of God. That does not mean that Christ suffers pain or feels the nails driven again in His hands or any of that but simply means that His shed blood is applied to them to cover their sin.

Would you please explain if you believe that phrase to mean something else, providing Scripture as you go.

Re: Past, Present, and Future Forgiveness? - posted by twayneb (), on: 2010/12/1 18:34

Future from who's frame of reference. Jesus paid the price 2000 years ago. All of our sins were future. When I sin, Jesus does not have to climb back up on a cross to pay for a new infraction with a new sacrifice. So I would say yes, even future sins. I have committed sins that I cannot remember. It is a good thing I don't have to come up with a list and confess and repent of every one of them or I would be going to hell for sure.

I confessed that I was lost without Christ, repented for living that way, received the forgiveness that had already been extended, was made a righteous son of God through the sacrifice of Christ, and continue to walk in Him as a born again man. There is no more condemnation because (in the context in which the verse is written) I am no longer trusting in my own ability to be "good" and live by the law for my righteousness, but rather am trusting in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and His grace by faith. I have His righteousness and am dead to the law so the law can no longer condemn me as a sinner. If I ever do miss the mark, I now have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one Whose righteousness I have now put on. I do confess and repent, but I know that I am righteous in Him and as a born again man, the fact that I missed the mark displeases me as it does Him and I am compelled to run to Him and away from that sin that I committed.

Re: - posted by UntoBabes (), on: 2010/12/1 18:36

Lorddoitagain,

Sad to say, people are not consistent in their interpretation of the word "dead". While they see it in the verse "we were dead in our trespasses and sin" to mean a dead corpse that can not think, walk, eat, speak, believe..., they see it in the verses that declare we are dead to sin to mean just having the flu.

Re: - posted by knitefall, on: 2010/12/1 18:53

Amen on Free Grace!

Folk that think negatively about Grace given to "those other Christians who won't stop doing all that sinnnn" Are EXACTLY like the pharisees in this story:

Matthew 20
Parable of the Vineyard Workers
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for they thought that by doing more works would have earned them more of a right standing with God. And all along, even if it DID NOT look like it, those who just "got Saved" possess the same amount of freely given perfect Righteousness as everyone else.

Re: , on: 2010/12/1 19:24

When Jesus said it was "Finished", it was finished. His work was finished, HE completed His work, He obeyed His Father's will.

Paul had a work to complete and he said, "2Ti 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: "

He kept the faith, he did not end up a castaway.

1Co 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.
1Co 9:25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.
1Co 9:26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:
1Co 9:27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Now we have a race to run and a fight to fight. Jesus is done, Paul is done, and many others done. There is nothing passive at all about our walk. We apprehend Jesus by faith not works. The work has been done by Him, we rest from all our labors (of establishing our own righteousness through our own works)

Heb 4:10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

and we delight to do His will.

Psa 40:7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,
Psa 40:8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.
Psa 40:9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.
Psa 40:10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

We don't have to worry about apprehending this promise or that promise. Just apprehend the Lord Jesus and you get everything!

2Co 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2010/12/1 20:55

hi, good word brother...Jesus is finished with dealing with sin, death and the grave...He is not finished with us yet for we are in a process of being saved and one day we shall be saved...some call this sanctification and glorification. but it is all done the same way we entered in when we were saved, faith in what Jesus did at the cross. He gets all the glory...that is the message of the finished work of the cross. jimp ps Jesus said depart from Me you worker of iniquity for I never knew you. He did not say that sin entered into this at all. to know Him and the power of His raising from the dead is to know Him intimately and He must know us intimately in a love relationship where we are to rest in His loving arms...yoked with Him for His burdens are Light.

Re: , on: 2010/12/1 21:13

Amen Jimp. I agree with everything you say. Our sanctification actually comes by pressing into and knowing Him.

We depart from iniquity by pressing in to Him not trying to fight sin on our own. It is impossible.

2Ti 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

2Ti 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

We purge ourselves of unholiness by pressing into Him. (Actually, He is doing it. We just move towards Him all the time, by humbling ourselves and drawing near so that He will lift us up).

2Ti 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

2Ti 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

I love these scriptures. No one speak plainer than James did here, by the Holy Spirit.

Jam 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Jam 4:5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

Jam 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Jam 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Jam 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Resist the Enemy
Submit to God
Draw near to God
Cleanse our hands
Purify our Hearts

Re: - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2010/12/2 0:11

Quote:
-----Sad to say, people are not consistent in their interpretation of the word "dead". While they see it in the verse "we were dead in our trespasses and sin" to mean a dead corpse that can not think, walk, eat, speak, believe..., they see it in the verses that declare we are dead to sin to mean just having the flu.

Sad reality but it is true. I have met so many who know "dead" to mean "temporarily knocked out". I say that because of their testimonies of frequent resurrections of the corpse that was supposed to be dead. Often it is a long process of such sudden resurrections of the old dead man ... then finally they see with eyes of faith Romans 6:6 ...

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Rom 6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

They finally totally accept the death of the old man, and then, finally the life of Christ really is alive in them.

Another double translation of a word is "freed from sin" or also "free indeed"

Joh 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

To many, that freedom is a come and go freedom ... only until certain situations bring them to a "temporary" bondage to sin again.

Oh the joy of of full salvation ... full surrender ... death to the old man ... new and abundant life of Christ flowing through our lives producing actions that only He can produce.

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/12/2 0:27

Quote:
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Amen! Glory be to God!

Re: - posted by YHLives, on: 2010/12/2 5:15

Forgiveness lies in the framework of God's salvation in totality.

It is not up to us to pick and choose scriptures and concepts to fit our own agendas (eg. moralizing purposes) according to our opinions on how people should live, that which in itself has cultural and historical issues outside of God's redemption plan.

Please do not shackle what our Saviour has unshackled.

Glory to Jesus Christ.

Re: - posted by Lesserlight, on: 2010/12/2 5:54

Jesus did not go through what he did just so people could have their sins forgiven.

Jesus went through what he did so that sin could be overcome

He was not fooling around when He said to be Holy and sin no more.

He has provided away for forgiveness so that sanctification could continue on until like David we have peace all around us. However unrepented sin means just that it and repentance includes a change in heart or it is just lip service.

Jesus said that those servants that knew His Will and did not do it would be beaten with many stripes

The teaching that Christians can sin with impunity is straight from the mouth of Satan.

So is the teaching that Christians do not appear at the Great White Throne and there are no verses to support that doctrine

You will either sin no more in this life or you will sin no more in the next life but be rest assured..... you will sin no more !

You can either try to do it the same way that the Jews do by trying to fulfill the law that always ends in failure

Or you can find out the truth that will allow Christ to be formed in you. Christ does not sin and those Christians who say they have the mind of Christ have been utterly deceived

The mind of Christ forgives everyone of their sin and does not sin while having knowledge of all things

No wonder Jesus said that the narrow way that leads to life is only found by a very few

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