

II. FORGIVE:

Forgive the one who with remorse and genuine repentance admits his or her sin. Forgive what kind of sin? Should we categorize sin and just forgive certain types, or forgive all sin? Christ died for all of it. Claim forgiveness for yourself from God for all sin, when you unreservedly yield yourself to Him.

III. FORGET:

Forgiveness yes, but forget? How? By asking God to help you forget. If God can sharpen your mind to remember Scripture passages or anything else in answer to prayer, then He can also blank out of your mind anything in answer to prayer. Ask God to help you forget, either the sins of your past life now put under the blood, or someone else's sins also put under the blood. Then leave them there.

IV. FOLLOW:

Follow through by following Him:

"Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." –Mark 8:34

And if you follow the Lord in obedience to His will, you will keep on loving and you will keep on forgiving. He did, right up to the cross.

"Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." –Luke 23:34

Thought:

"The only time we should be looking down on a fellow believer is when we are bending over him to lift him up."

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Introduction:

How's your memory? Many believers find it difficult to memorize Scripture verses and their location. It takes self discipline to stick with it, but the result is most rewarding. Want to remember certain Scripture passages? Keep repeating them for repetition is the mother of learning.

Want to remember past sins of others and perhaps your own which has been scripturally put under the blood? Keep mentioning them either to yourself or to others. The Bible says we are not to be ignorant of the devil's devices, and one of them is the idea of dwelling in the past over the sins of others or self.

"...forgetting those things which are behind..." Philippians 3:13

HOW CAN ONE GO ABOUT FORGETTING:

- 1) another person's sinful past, a [past put under the blood by the one now converted?
- 2) a believer's wrong doing since being saved, and also put under the blood through confession?
- 3) his or her sinful past which continues to plague them as believers?
- 4) In all three areas there is a keen remembrance when instead there should be a good "forgetting." How can one achieve the goal of forgetting?

FORGIVENESS IS THE KEY:

Follow the Lord in a sin-sick world and listen to what He said:

1. To His Disciples:
"If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." – Matthew 6:14
2. To Peter, who asked how many times to forgive a brother, Jesus said:
"...Until seventy times seven."
–Matthew 18:22
3. To the Corinthian church – the man dismissed from the church because of sin – But he got right with God.

"forgive him..."
–2 Corinthians 2:7

4. To the Ephesian church – sound in doctrine – but sound asleep.
"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another..."
–Ephes. 4:32

5. "To the Colossian church:
"...forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any." –Col. 3:13

Do you want to experience a cleansing of your soul? A release?

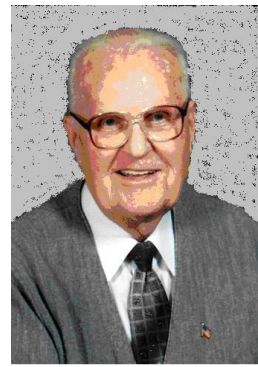
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Getting right with God and fellowman is like taking a shower on the inside. The following are helpful thoughts on the subject matter:

I. FACE THE FACTS:

What were you before God saved you? Not a pretty picture. Right? Was it hard for the Lord to save you? See Jeremiah 33:27. Face anything that stands as a barrier between you and God today, label it correctly by calling it sin and leaving it with God. -1 John 1:9. God is not dead, He is still in the unraveling business:

"...for this purpose the Son of God was Manifested that He might destroy (unravel) the works of the devil." -1 John 3:8



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