

How Do We View Sin & Forgiveness?



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Seeing the Beauty of Forgiveness

- Pictured in the most beautiful terms
- Old Testament descriptions
 - ◆ ***Psa. 103:12*** Sin removed as far as east from west
 - ◆ ***Isa. 43:25*** Sin blotted out & remembered no more
 - ◆ ***Isa. 44:22*** Sin blotted out like a thick cloud
 - ◆ ***Isa. 55:7*** “For He will abundantly pardon”
- New Testament descriptions
 - ◆ ***Col. 1:14*** “Redemption through His blood”
 - ◆ ***Eph. 1:7*** “According to the riches of His grace”
 - ◆ ***Col. 2:13*** Being dead, made alive together with Him
 - ◆ ***Heb. 10:14-18*** Perfected, sanctified, sin not remembered

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Seeing the Desire for Forgiveness

- Once we realize our sins, must examine options on how we deal with our sins
- Woe to us if we remain silent & try to hide sin
 - ◆ **Prov. 28:13a** Do not prosper if we cover our sins
 - ◆ **Isa. 29:15** Woe to those who hide sin in the dark
 - ◆ **Isa. 30:1** Woe to those taking no counsel from God
- Blessing seen in acknowledging & forsaking our sins
 - ◆ **Prov. 28:13b** If confess & forsake, we obtain mercy
 - ◆ **1 John 1:9** If we confess sins, He is faithful forgiving all
 - ◆ **Lk. 15:18-21** Like returning to lost love of one's father

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Seeing the Way to Avoid Future Sin

- Once we are forgiven of past sins, how do we view sin to avoid it in the future?
- All begin by fearing the punishment for sin
 - ◆ ***Matt. 10:28*** Fear destruction of body & soul in hell
 - ◆ ***2 Thess. 1:7-9*** Render vengeance & eternal destruction
- But we must grow to see sin as God sees it
 - ◆ ***Ezra 9:10-15*** Unclean, abomination, filth, great guilt...
 - ◆ ***Lk. 15:15-16*** Like wanting to eat with the pigs' slop
 - ◆ ***2 Pet. 2:20-22*** Dog to its vomit, sow wallowing in mire
- Final step is to serve God out of love
 - ◆ ***1 Jn. 4:16-19*** Perfect love casts out fear; obey of love

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It's time for us to sing the sweeter song!