



FORGIVEN

Psalms 103:12 NIV

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

*we are told that as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us – this means that there is no reason for us to associate with our sin.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 KJV Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we [Him] no more. Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

*when we receive Christ something new takes place – we receive HIS Spirit. We have a new nature now because of Jesus Christ.

*old things are "passed away" – what does this mean?

PASSED AWAY: to come near or alongside.

Perish or neglect.

-something new comes in alongside of our old nature. We can neglect the old nature because of the new nature and we can see the things of the flesh begin to die in our lives.

*and neglect is what we are supposed to do! "Know no man after the flesh!" Instead of associating with who you are in the flesh,

begin to find out who you are in the Spirit and find your identity in Christ!

2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that IN HIM WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.

*you ARE the righteousness of God because of what Christ has done for you! So why associate with your sin instead of your righteousness?!?

-we are ignoring what Christ has done for us when we associate with our sin!

*our sins HAVE BEEN removed from us – as far as the east is from the west!

-so why do some verses seem to contradict this? For example:

Isaiah 59:2 KJV But *your* iniquities have separated between *you and your* God, and *your* sins have hid [his] face from *you, that he will not* hear.

Hebrew translation=

"Iniquities cause division (to separate oneself) distinction between God sin hides face (presence/person) from hearing (shama)."

-our sinful nature keeps us from God; it keeps us from hearing His Word.

*if our sin put up a wall between us and God we would NEVER be able to pray!

-"anything that is not of faith is sin" (Romans 14:23) – if God truly opened our eyes to the sin we are involved in everyday I think we would all be shocked!!

*our sin does not keep God from hearing us – we go to God in Jesus' name, not our own – so our sins are nonexistent when we go to God in prayer. BUT - Our sin can keep us from hearing the Word of God. If we associate with our flesh instead of Spiritual identity we will not hear the Word - we will not receive the Word, we will not be content with the Word and we will not make the Word part of who are.

-when we associate with who we are in the flesh, our sin will keep us from God – not because He is separating Himself from us, but because we are separating ourselves from Him!

*the verse before and the verses after show us that God is not lacking in His ability to save or rescue us; however, it is our association with our sin that keeps us from receiving from God.

-our sin should be a loud gong in our lives telling us we need Christ!!

Romans 8:20-21 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the One who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

*your flesh should frustrate you to the point that you know you need Christ to help you!!

*the frustration of our flesh should lead us to dependence upon Christ / the Word – that is where we will find true freedom!

*God does not want your sin to separate you from Him – He wants it to draw you to Him!

*we have to be SURE about some things – one of them is that we are forgiven!

Isaiah 43:25 I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions, for My own sake, AND REMEMBERS YOUR SINS NO MORE.

-if God promises to remember our sins no more then He means it!

Hebrews 8:12 For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.

Hebrews 10:17-18 Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

Micah 7:19 You will again have compassion on us; You will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

-when we read, we must read connected to Christ! We must read knowing who we are – we are the Forgiven!!

-we must also look at Scripture in light of other Scripture – if we know that God repeatedly promises to forgive and forget our sins, then we can know that He is not holding them against us. When we see something that appears to contradict the Word, we need to study it out.

*Child of God, you ARE forgiven! When doubt creeps in, meet it with the Word of God!

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