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DAILY DOCTRINE

Sin: Isolation of

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1. When a believer confesses his sins, he is forgiven of those sins completely and cleansed from all unrighteousness, 1 John 1:9.
2. When God forgives our sins, they are no longer an issue. It is like He completely forgets about them.
3. Since those sins, regardless of how awful they may have been, are no longer an issue with God, they should not be an issue with us. We are to look at the sins from divine viewpoint, and *forget* about them—rather than beating ourselves up about them ad infinitum. We need to also have divine viewpoint with regard to the sins of others: we have no right to remember the sins of others that God has forgiven.
4. If we brood over or keep bringing up a sin that God has forgiven, then we are disoriented to the plan of God. Further, we are likely perpetuating sin and the corresponding divine discipline. The moment we confess our sins all divine discipline designed to get our attention is removed and any difficulties that remain are designed to turn cursing into blessings.
5. By continuing to bring up sins that have already been forgiven, the believer actually spouts new sins and puts himself back under divine discipline due to carnality.
6. The grace oriented believer is able to confess his sins and forget them and enjoy inner happiness, inner peace, and inner power precisely because he is oriented to grace instead of legalism. He actually believes God when God says He has forgiven his sins.
7. Illustration of how believers can parlay forgiven/dead sins into new sins.
 - a. Hatred. If you have confessed the sin of hate against someone you have mistreated yet every time you see that person you bring up and apologize for that sin again, you in effect resurrect the sin and get out of fellowship once again over the new sin you have brought from the forgiven sin.
 - b. Guilt. Guilt over sins that have been confessed is a sin itself. E.g., feeling guilty is another sin that you stack upon the one which has been already forgiven. Your guilt is an indication that you really do not believe God has forgiven you. “Whatsoever is not of faith is sin,” Rom. 14:23. When we confess our sins, *WE ARE FORGIVEN! IT IS CALLED GRACE!*

8. All believers have failed; all have OSHGEN's. Regarding our sins, we must all
 - a. Confess them, 1 John 1:9.
 - b. Forget about them, Philip. 3:13.
 - c. Isolate them, Heb. 12:15. Do not let them be a source of sprouting new sins.
 - d. Move forward on the Glory Road, Philip. 3:14.
9. Learn to live and thrive in the grace of God. Digging up sins that have been forgiven is not living in grace. Give it a rest! Stop being so legalistic about your sins. Stop disbelieving in God's total forgiveness and unmerited grace. Get over it! Stop with your shtick! It is not only annoying to God, we don't care to watch you grovel and apologize for the umpteenth time either.

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