

WHERE DO SINS GO WHEN THEY ARE FORGIVEN?

By Raymond Elliott

Where do our sins go when they are forgiven? That is a most difficult question. However, the word of God does offer us some understanding on this subject. Take for instance the passage found in Micah 7:19:

“He will again have compassion upon us: he will tread our iniquities under foot; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.”

Sin in this verse is regarded as a personal enemy which by God’s sovereign grace will be entirely subdued. As God destroyed Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, so shall he cast our sins into the depths of the sea of forgiveness and forgetfulness (Exodus 15:4, 10). If you will observe, the Lord will cast our sins into the “depths of the sea,” and not near the shore where they can be washed back again. In Psalms 103:12, we learn, “As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.”

In reference to the new covenant that God would make with Israel and Judah, the promise was made: “For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more” (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 8:12; 10:17). Thus we learn that the Infinite Intelligence possesses the attribute of forgetting sins that are forgiven. To some degree we understand how this is possible. Loving parents have often forgotten as well as forgiven the mistakes and sins committed by their children. In perfection, our Heavenly Father forgives and forgets the sins of His penitent children (I John 1:7, 9).

My friends, if you have not had your sins blotted out by the blood of Christ, please, as a penitent believer, be immersed in His name in order to obtain His divine forgiveness (Acts 3:19; 2:38). And God who forgives will also in His mercy forget your transgressions.



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All the Churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

Today’s Sermon: The God of Peace in a World of War

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-11

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm October 25, on Zoom, Arthur will be continuing a study from G.R.O.W. We will be in the 6th chapter on W (work).
- ❖ **Next Potluck & Bring-a-Friend Sunday** – November 19.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Tuesday, October 24. We will continue with the study of Hosea.**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing – October 29, at Wellsboro.**



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Sandy and Arthur will be leaving right after worship for their trip to Lake Charles, LA to visit Robin, Katie and family. They will return on Monday, the 23rd.

Steve and Amy are enjoying a trip to the cranberry bogs in MA. Steve will be preaching next Sunday.



PRAYERS

- **Please pray for Charlie Knobbs**, Jackie's brother-in-law who just lost his wife Nancy. He is recovering from a bad case of covid which put him in the hospital with a possible pulmonary embolism.
- **Darlene** will be having an upper endoscopy with chip on Friday, November 17.
- **Sue Barry** has returned to using chemo meds because her tumor marker numbers have risen. Pray that she does not develop new tumors and that her red blood cell numbers stay up.
- **Paulette Frycek's friend Tammy** has recently found out she has cancer in her blood. Pray that it is treatable and not widespread.
- **Tresa Shirrell's mother, April, is now being placed on hospice because her cancer is spreading rapidly throughout her body. Pray that Tresa is successful in getting her to obey the Gospel.**
- **Kathleen** has been ill with covid and is still very weak.
- Please pray for safe travels for Steve and Amy, Sandy and Arthur.

Continue to pray for these people:

- **Bob** (Judy Burger's brother)- lung and rectal cancers
- **Monique (Miki's friend)**- needs repair to pain med pump.
- **Pat Guthrie**-he has lung cancer, stage 4.
- **Mike Walls**, frontal lobe dementia,
- **Jim Sexton**, esophageal cancer, on chemo.
- **Brian**, who was injured by a falling log, He is making slow recovery in rehab.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.