

REVIVAL MINISTRY

Sunday Sermonette, "Do You Need To Be Forgiven?" January 19, 2020

"Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them." Romans 4:7-8 NIV

Read: Romans 4:1-8

Old sins have a way of hanging onto us...or maybe we should say; we have a way of holding onto old sins. How many wrongs are you holding onto? Yes, JESUS can forgive you...if you truly want to be forgiven.

We commit sins like the bank robber. After robbing a bank, he told JESUS he was sorry and asked for forgiveness as he was telling JESUS he needed to rob one more bank that he still did not have enough money. JESUS does not forgive us so we can continue doing the same wrong things over and over.

Regret

We can regret doing things. We can regret that we got caught. We can regret that we did not get out of the wrong all we expected. We can regret we failed and we can regret others found out what we did. We can also regret we did wrong.

Remorse

Remorse is not regret. Regret is feeling bad about what we did. Remorse is the guilty feeling of knowing wrong is wrong and we did wrong and we want to do something to make it to go away. If we have remorse, we are truly sorry for what we did...sorry to ourselves and to those we hurt and sorry we disappointed GOD, we accept the responsibility and want to fix it.

Restitution

Restitution is not just paying back someone for what we did but offering to restore what we damaged or took from them. Restitution is discussed in both the

Old and New Testaments. Restitution is a requirement GOD has put upon us. To be sure we have repaid those we wronged, our restitution should be of more value than what we took or damaged... materially or emotionally.

Repentance

Repentance is going to GOD in our most sincere way to ask HIM to forgive us for the wrong, telling him of our regret, remorse and restitution. Wipe the slate clean in every way you can, then ask for forgiveness. Don't forget after you have asked GOD to forgive you, ask the one you have wronged to forgive you also.

Remember

Remember, if you go through each of these steps you can know you have been forgiven by GOD, and you do not need to carry the burden of that sin any more.

Today's Prayer:

"Thank YOU, LORD for forgiving me for my wrongs...all of them. I know I have regret for my action and I am remorseful. I have made full restitution for the wrong I have done and I pray to YOU for YOUR forgiveness. I will not listen to Satan as he attempts to haunt me of my wrongs which YOU have forgiven. Amen."

Feel HIS Blessings!

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