



Forgiveness – God’s Work In Us

Dr. J. Vernon McGee was in Bible College. When he met his first roommate he had quite a surprise. His roommate informed him that he had not committed a sin over the last three years. Dr. McGee was shocked to meet someone who was so sanctified in this life that he no longer slipped into sin.

As time went on, J. Vernon McGee’s roommate blamed him for everything that went wrong, no matter what. After the first semester, freshmen were able to change roommates. McGee went to his roommate and informed him that he was moving into another room with someone who was like him. That is, a sinner saved by grace who God was still doing a work in. Vernon and his new roommate got along just great. Two Christians standing in need of much prayer, just two sinners resting in the continued forgiveness of God, given to them in Jesus’ name.

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When we accept that we are “sinners resting in the continued forgiveness of God” we allow God to work in us and through us. When we act like Dr. McGee’s first roommate, we shut out God’s grace and love. This leaves us with nothing.

Scripture

Read Colossians 3:1-14

Discovery Questions

1. Vs.2. Is it hard for you to think “Heavenly”? What are some ways to help create this habit within you?
2. Vs. 10. “...and have put on the new self”. How does God’s forgiveness make you a brand new person? What changes in your life?

3. Vs.14. What is the relationship between love and forgiveness? Can you love someone without forgiving them?

Journaling

Prayer: Spend some time in prayer conversing with your God. Use the following ideas as a potential guide to your prayer time.

- Lord, remind me that I am Your chosen, fill me with the desire to do Your will.
- Father, may my daily walk with You reflect Your love and grace to those around me.
- Let my focus be on You. Lord. May I never forget the grace and forgiveness that You have extended to me.
- Dear God, continue Your work in me.