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When our sins are forgiven by the Grace of God, we are as *pure* in the sight of God as Adam was on the day he was created. And we are Saints (sanctified ones). When Paul wrote to the Saints at Rome, Corinth, Ephesus, Philippi, and Colosse, he was writing to the common people, blood-washed Saints, who were living there. (See Rom 1:7, 1 Cor 1:2, 2 Cor 1:1, Eph 1:1, Phil 1:1, Col 1:2).

But we *all* make mistakes, and usually too often for our own liking. We do something wrong unknowingly, we do something we didn't intend to, or, we are trapped in a situation and we *have* to do something that we *know* is wrong. And it is *all* sin. Sin came between us and the Lord *before* we were saved, and it *still* comes between us *after* we are saved.

But what happens then? Does God reject us? NO! We don't lose our salvation, but it *does* interrupt our fellowship with Him. When a baby is learning to walk and he falls over, we

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never tell him that he's done something wrong. We *lovingly* help him to his feet again. That is the purpose of 1 John 1:9 in the Christian walk. To lovingly help us to *our* feet again when we sin.

If you *know* that you have sinned, don't put off making it right. Keep short accounts with the Lord, confess it and make it right as soon as possible. Jesus said "*For your Heavenly Father knows what things you have need of before you ask Him*" (Matthew 6:8).

When you confess your sins, you are not surprising God with something He doesn't already know. He forgives *confessed* sins, not *excused* or *hidden* sin. You can't run, and you can't hide, so make it right and get back on your feet to continue walking with Him.

"*...and I will remember their sin no more*" (Jeremiah 31:34). If we do something wrong now and ask for forgiveness, the Lord *forgives* it and *forgets* it. And if we do the same thing an hour later, and say, "Lord, I'm

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sorry, but I've done it again!" He will ask "Again?" As far as He knows that's the first time you've ever done it, because He has *forgotten* the last time, and there is no record kept of it.

But, unfortunately, it's *easier* for *the Lord* to forgive *us*, than it is for *us* to forgive *ourselves*, because we don't forget so easily. But we *must* believe what the *Bible* tells us. That God has *forgiven* our sin (1 John 1:9), that God has *forgotten* our sin (Jeremiah 31:34), and God has *cleansed* us from *all* unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

There is *nothing* that the *blood* of Jesus Christ cannot blot out. "*...the Blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanses us from all sin.*" (1 John 1:7). So, God forgives us for all sin, but we may still have to pay the consequences on earth. We may need to apologise. We may need to go to Court for something we do wrong. God's forgiveness does not take away our responsibility for the consequences of our sin.

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But that doesn't make us any less of a Christian either. And God can even make our mistakes work in His favour. (Rom 8:28) The Lord isn't the angry, vindictive God that the world was told about during the Dark Ages to keep it in submission.

"God is love" (1 John 4:8). And he loves *because* He *is* love, that's His nature. "...While we were yet sinners Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8). He died for the murderer, the thief, and the liar, *while* they were murdering and stealing and lying. He didn't die for *good* people, because there aren't any. He died for lost people, which is *us*, because He *Loved* us.

"God so loved the world" John 3:16. And He *still* so loves the world, and He desires our friendship and fellowship so *much* that He asks us to come and be *forgiven*, so we can have unbroken fellowship with Him.

So, as soon as you do something wrong, confess it, and make it right. And may God richly bless you as you

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walk with Him.

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