

Come Back Home!

If God seems distant, who moved?

James 4:8, "Come near to God and he will come near to you." My dear brother and sister in Christ, now is the time to re-dedicate your life to Jesus Christ. When God forgives, He forgets it completely.

Psalms 103:11-12, "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."

When you confess your sins to God, He is faithful and just and will forgive your sins and purify you from all unrighteousness according to 1 John 1:9. It's like getting a brand new start again. The blood of Jesus will purify you from all sin. As a result, there will be no more guilt, shame or condemnation. He will restore your joy and peace in Him.

Philippians 3:13-14, "Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Please pray this with me: "Father God forgive me for falling away from you, I want to come home, I confess my sin to you now and ask that you forgive me in Jesus' Name— thank you loving Father!"



Congratulations in making this critical decision in your life. Not only has God forgiven you, but you must also forgive yourself and forget it.

Even when the Devil tries to show you photographs of the past, just quote 1 John 1:9 and say "I confessed my sins to God and they are forgiven and forgotten, in Jesus' Name!"

Keep running your spiritual race to win; don't ever give up. You are never alone, unloved or forgotten.

I would like to encourage you to find a good Bible believing church that teaches Jesus is Lord, so you can grow further in your relationship with God.

This next step is so important in your walk with Jesus. There are so many wonderful things for you to learn and experience along with other believers in Jesus Christ.

Forgiveness And Restoration



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1 John 1:9



I am not making excuses for sin, but the reality is none of us lives the Christian life perfectly. When we received the gift of eternal life and were born again, it was a

spiritual new birth. All things became new concerning our spiritual nature. When God sees us, it's through the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ. However, our mind still needs to be renewed, and our physical body still has a sinful nature in it that gravitates towards evil. We are still saved and going to heaven, but we need to learn to grow up spiritually. Spiritual growth is a process just like physical growth. As we read and obey the Bible, pray, and fellowship with other Christians, we will develop spiritually. However, we are not going to do this perfectly the first, second or third try. Just as parents of a small child who is learning how to walk is always there for him, even when he falls, to comfort and encourage him; how much more is our Heavenly Father always there for us. When we do sin, it should always bother us, because we are born again, our heart gets grieved over it.

No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.

1 John 3:9



Relationship vs. Fellowship

As Christians, when we mess up and sin our heart is going to condemn us and we'll feel bad about it. What has happened is our fellowship with God has been broken, but not our relationship. We are still a child of God. For example, if you had a 8 year old son who lied to you about something, he would feel guilty about it and be shy around you because of shame. He is still your son, but your fellowship with him has been affected— your boy has lost his joy and peace. The solution is simple, if he will just come to you and admit his wrongdoing and confesses it openly, you will freely forgive him and your fellowship is then restored. That is exactly what we are to do when we sin. Confess it to God immediately, don't wait or put it off until another time.

“He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”

Proverbs 28:13

What happens if we wait or keep repeating sin without confessing it to God, our heart will become hardened towards Him— we won't be sorry about it anymore. When struggling with a habit or addiction, we are not being hypocritical when we confess that sin each time we commit it, as long as we are sincere in our attempts to overcome it by God's grace and through our faith in His Word. We are never a failure until we give up. Concerning forgiveness Jesus said the following:



“Then Peter came to Him and said, ‘Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.’”

Matthew 18:21-22

The Faithfulness of God

You know God practices what He preaches! So if He tells us to forgive someone (490 times) in the same day; so many times that we lose count, how much more will God forgive us when we confess our sins to Him with a sincere heart. Besides, our mistakes are no surprise to God anyway. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, He already knew that was going to happen. The Lord gave them a chance to repent, instead they made excuses and blamed each other. Friend, let's be honest with God, ourselves and others. It takes humility to admit that we made mistakes, but that's the only way we are going to get forgiven and restored.



“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16

So let's not run from our Heavenly Father, let's run to Him, even when we are faithless, He remains faithful— He'll never leave us or forsake us.

Godly Repentance

To repent, simply means to turn and go in another direction. I believe a Christian who is backslidden and out of fellowship with God is probably the most miserable person on earth. They know living for the world does not satisfy and the guilt



and shame of sin is a horrible burden to carry. The good news is our Father God is waiting with open arms to receive us!