

Devotional: Faithful To Forgive

Christian devotion about forgiveness

"...If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just (true to His own nature and promises) and will forgive our sins [dismiss our lawlessness] and [continuously] cleanse us from all unrighteousness [everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action]. If we say (claim) we have not sinned, we contradict His Word and make Him out to be false and a liar, and His Word is not in us [the divine message of the Gospel is not in our hearts]..." - 1 John 1:9-10 (AMPC)

God will always forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness, when we come and confess our sins. No matter what we do or say, He is quick to forgive us. It is His very nature to be forgiving. He can't not forgive. No one is exempt from needing God's forgiveness, for we all have sinned. God forgives us and sets us free from sin the moment we become Christians, but there are times we may fall short and stumble along the way. No matter how spiritual we are, we may still slip up in thought and action. In those moments, we need to come to God for forgiveness, and He will 'continuously' cleanse us.

We may think of this verse in relation to new Christians, but it is for all of us. Even those who have walked with God for 50-60 years or more may need to come back to this verse every now and then. New Christians and older Christians alike can take encouragement from this, and know that if we do slip up, God is there with open arms, ready to forgive and cleanse us.

If we sin, stumble and fall,
We can find forgiveness from the Lord.

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