



I die daily.....

The bible is full of “if” – “then” statements. God tells us, if you do this then I will do this. “IF” we confess our sins ... He is faithful to forgive us. To be forgiven, we must first acknowledge our sin. I am not sure who will read these words today, or even someday. We have to admit that we have sinned. We have to recognize that we have broken God’s commands. Without the recognition, there isn’t forgiveness.

When I first got saved I knew I had done plenty wrong. I cried out to God and sought His forgiveness. I told Him I was sorry. My sin had brought my life into a state of brokenness, I saw it, I recognized it, I admitted it. God didn’t just deal with me all at once, but rather continued to work with me, molding and shaping me. I would come face to face with things that I had done habitually along the way, that God made plain to me were out of His will. The more that I read His word and studied, the more I realized how far down a wrong path I had gone. I want to say right now, PRAISE GOD! I am thankful for God’s

plan of salvation, and His faithfulness to forgive.

The acknowledgement of sin on our part, requires a bit of humility. We have to recognize that God.....well simply put ..... God is God. Sin is decided by Him, not by man. He draws the line. Sin is the breaking of God's law. So many don't recognize God as God, and thus don't acknowledge their sin against Him. Sin is revealed to us through God's word. The same place that we go to find the promises, the revelations, the guidance for life in general, also plainly reveals the "do's and don'ts" of God. The word is like a Spiritual Mirror, it will reveal our heart. Many refuse to look in the mirror. Others decide to reject the mirror as valid. I guess in the grand scheme of things, it's why God says Narrow is the gate leading to life, and FEW find it, but broad is the path that leads to destruction, and many will go that way. It comes back to the free will of man. God reveals the narrow gate, He beckons us to come through, and is willing to take us in.....but we must acknowledge that we have "transgressed"! We must be cleansed of the filthiness of the flesh. That is impossible if you don't see what your doing as wrong. If you have deemed gossip as "ok" behavior, backbiting, hatred, vengeance.....the list just goes on an on. If you refuse to subject yourself to God, and acknowledge your sinfulness, then forgiveness can not happen.

Have you entered through the Gate? Are you on the broad path? Don't look to the world to decide where you are? You must look to God for those answers. Jesus is the only way to the Father, He is the Gate, no one can come to the Father unless they come through the Gate. We must acknowledge God, and then acknowledge our brokenness because of sin. Then and only then, can we start new and fresh.

God bless – Pastor Paul

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If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [1 John 1:9](#)

I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight. [Psa. 51:3, 4](#)

And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. [Luke 15:20](#)

I have blotted out as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. [Isa. 44:22](#)

Your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. [1 John 2:12](#)

God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. [Eph. 4:32](#)

That he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. [Rom. 3:26](#)

Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean. [Ezek. 36:25](#)

They shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. [Rev. 3:4](#)

This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ: not by water only, but by water and blood. [1 John 5:6](#)

