

Captive's Corner



"Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ"

2 Corinthians 10:5

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FORGIVENESS OF SINS

In considering the subject of the forgiveness of sins, you should always keep in mind that there are two principal types of forgiveness. The first of these is known as judicial forgiveness and the second as parental forgiveness. The first has to do with the penalty of sin, and the second has to do with the restoration of fellowship that is broken by sin.

When we say that the Christian has been forgiven all his sins - past, present, and future - we are referring to the judicial

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and future. The moment we trust Him as Savior, we receive complete forgiveness of sins as far as the penalty is concerned.

What happens then when a Christian sins? The answer is that fellowship with God is broken. The happy spirit of communion between the Father and His child has been severed. Fellowship remains broken

"When a Christian sins, his fellowship with God is broken until that sin is confessed and forsaken. See 1 John 1:9"

until that sin is confessed and forsaken. When we do confess these sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. See 1 John 1:9. Here we are speaking about parental forgiveness. It is not a judge forgiving a criminal, but a father forgiving his child.

Sincerely in Christ,

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