

Forgotten Forever

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Hebrews 8:1-13

Everyone likes to be remembered. We're delighted to be recognized and called by name. It's comforting to realize God knows us personally. He never forgets us; our names are engraved on his hands (Isa. 49:16). We want to be remembered but hope some things may be forgotten, like our old sins.

A middle-aged man came to see my husband. He wanted to talk about his father, a preacher and Christian leader, who'd recently gone to heaven. He said he had been wayward, often grieving his father. "But," he said, "when I asked for forgiveness, he never brought up my past sins. When my father forgave me, he never said another word about it."

When God forgives a repentant sinner, he keeps no record. He doesn't throw sins into a landfill to be dug up again! He removes them, "as far as the east is from the west" (Ps. 103:12). He hurls "all our iniquities into the depths of the sea" (Mic. 7:19). Most amazing, he doesn't remember our sins any more. People, or the devil, may remind us, but God never does. Our sins are gone, forgotten forever.

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