

Questions for Life

From Sunday, August 30, 2009

Is That in the Bible? Forgiving Means Forgetting

DOES GOD FORGIVE AND FORGET?

Hebrews 8:12 "...their sins...I will remember no more."

Psalms 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Micah 7:19 You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

2 Samuel 12:9 You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife... 13 So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. 14 "However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die."

DID PAUL FORGIVE AND FORGET?

Colossians 3:13 ...as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

Acts 15:37 Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark. 38 But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work.

2 Timothy 4:14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works.

Romans 12:19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance *is* Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

DID JESUS TEACH US TO FORGIVE AND FORGET?

Matthew 6:14 "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 "But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 7:6 "Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.

Matthew 19:9 "Whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery."

Matthew 18:21 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

1. In what way(s) did the message change your thinking about forgiveness?

2. Can you tell of how Paul's example in Acts 15:37-38 can help you to forgive?

