Remembering And Forgetting

Tony Mauck · 2 Peter 1:9

INTRODUCTION

- He says in verse 9 that he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten the purification from his former sins.
- But one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind. And reaching forward to what lies ahead.
- 2 Peter 1 9 and Philippians 3 13 are not in conflict with one another. They actually harmonize and go together.

1 Remembering and Forgetting Past Sins

Hebrews 8:12; Psalm 103:10–12; 1 Timothy 1:13–15

- Thankfully, God forgets completely. That is one of the great provisions of the gospel.
- As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
- It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance. That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. This is a proper remembering.
- Those thoughts, as horrible as they were in his mind, they were fueled for his faith, but they did not cripple him.
- Are those memories helping you, or are they hurting you? Are they the springboard for spiritual progress, or are they crippling you?
- It wasn't over for Simon the sorcerer. It's not over for us. He says, repent and pray.

2 Remembering and Forgetting the Sins of Others

John 8:7; 1 Corinthians 13:5–7; Luke 17:3–5

- But the question is when a sin is forgiven, and when someone has truly repented of the wrongdoing, how are we going to regard them now?
- Every sin is scandalous before the throne of God. Even the little white lie. Even the occasion of gossip.
- You who are without sin, cast the first stone. Your sin is just as scandalous as hers.
- Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- And if he sins against you seven times a day and returns to you seven times a day, saying, I repent, forgive him.
- And in our relationships, we need to be as forgiving as God has been with us.

THE CHALLENGE

What about the sins of your past? Have they been cleansed in the blood of Jesus?

MY NOTES