

The Forgiveness, Mercy, and Truth of God

Can He forgive me?

Search the following texts and let's find out how God is willing to forgive:

- Matthew 12:31—"All manner of sin forgiven..."
- Matthew 18:21,22—as the forgiveness of God. Jesus' way is "seventy times seven"
- 1 John 1:9—"If we confess...He is faithful and just to forgive us..."
- 1 John 2:1,2—"If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father..."
- Isaiah 1:16-18—"...wash you, put away the evil...come now...let us reason together, says the Lord...as red as scarlet...as white as snow"
- Psalm 103:10-14—"as far...east to the west...the Lord pities his..."
- Micah 7:18,19—"...he delights in mercy...cast our sins into the depths of the sea..."
- "...I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but...turn from your evil ways..." (Ezekiel 33:11; see also 2 Peter 3:9)
- Jesus died for us while yet sinners (Romans 5:8). Does He love you any less now? Does he desire to save you any less now than when you were lost in full sin?—certainly not! He will continue His work in you if you will turn from the sin to Him.
- Adam and Eve "knew better" when they had sinned! Yet, God forgive through Jesus Christ who would take their punishment. (Genesis 3:11, 21).
- David knew better...when he murdered someone and committed Adultery. Yet, look at his heart's repentance in Psalm 51. Jesus paid for his sin by death as well.
- Peter knew better...when he denied Jesus three times. Yet, Jesus forgave him, and Peter began to walk with the Lord again. Christ afterwards used Peter in mighty ways! (See Luke 22:31-34).
- Hebrews 8:12—"...I will be merciful to their unrighteousness..."
- Ezekiel 11:19-20—"...a new heart...to walk in my ways..."
- "...remember not the sins of my youth..." David prayed (Psalm 25:7).
- "...a just man falls seven times, and rises up again: but the wicked will fall into mischief [*and stay there, implied*]" (Proverbs 24:16).
- Romans 7 and 8 describe a serious warfare between the flesh and the Spirit. If we follow the flesh, we will die, but if the Spirit, then we will have eternal life (Romans 8:12,13). To steer clear of sins that would destroy us, it may often take more than just knowing that something is wrong. You must "not make provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts" (Romans 13:14). Do not even go "near the door" of some temptation (Proverbs 5:8). Stay clear from those temptation areas and you can keep your life pure for Jesus and eternity! "Flee" from sinful things (1 Corinthians 6:18) and have life! Remove from whatever sinful temptation has been overtaking you and Christ will surely heal you.