



I went to the Throne with a quivering soul –  
The old year was gone.  
“Dear Father, hast Thou a new leaf for me?”  
“I have spoiled this one.”  
He took the old leaf, stained and blotted  
And into my sad heart smiled:  
“Do better now, my child!”

Anonymous

**As far as the east is from the west, [so]far hath he removed our transgressions from us.**

Like as a father pitith [his] children, [so] the LORD pitith them that fear him (Ps 103.12, 13).

Mrs. Bettie L. Lowery, M.R.E., Deaconess    The Rev. Mrs. Dr. C. S. Cole, Pastor, Ret.  
*Co-laborers together for Jesus Christ*

*Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).*

## Mighty in the Word

*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;  
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God” (1 Cor. 1.18).*

*Edifying the Body of Christ (Eph. 4.10-16)*

*The Wise Still Seek Him*

of the  
Lord  
Jesus Christ

4

*Vol. XVI.04*

### *As Far as the East Is from the West . . . Ps 103.12*

**R**emember Lot’s wife (Luke 17.24)? People are groping for an opportunity to have their lives turned around. This is called repentance. Repentance is turning from the enemy, Satan, and turning to the Lord Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives. It is saying, yes, to Jesus Christ when He knocks at our heart’s door, when He is inviting us to take up our cross and follow Him on the *Via Dolorosa, The Way of the Cross*. It is being cleansed and made whole by the Blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

How many have said, I want to walk with the Lord but my past is not good. I have sinned, I walked in mine own willful way. I strayed from the Lord. I have not been reading the Word of the Lord, the Holy bible, but I am trying to do the right thing now.

Doing the right thing is not that to which we are called. We are called to surrender our lives to Jesus Christ – come what may. We are called to be, to abide in Jesus, asking Him to abide in us, to dwell, to live in us (Jn 15). **IF** the Lord Jesus Christ is indeed dwelling in us, and we are dwelling in Him, there will be a lot of things in which we will no longer involve ourselves; our talk will be changed for His glory; our thoughts will change, our attitude, our habits ... We will become a new person in Jesus Christ. “Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (II Cor 5.17).

I Corinthians 6.19 says that we are the temple of the living God, a place wherein He dwells. Many have lives that are laden with sin, full of self; and there is no room for the Master, the Lord Jesus Christ.

If indeed we want a new life in Jesus Christ, we have to learn of Jesus from the Holy Bible that we might dwell in Him. We must know His Word that we might **Know Him**. One cannot have his life in Jesus without being empowered by the Holy Spirit. We have no strength in and of ourselves. We are made overcomers by the Word of the Lord. The chorus says it well:

By the Word of the Lord, we are made overcomers.  
By the Word of the Lord, we are able to stand.  
He liveth forever and reigneth eternal.  
He has made His appearing, and He is coming again.

Unknown

Being in the Word of the Lord helps to keep us stayed upon the Lord, to know His ways, His commands. Being in the Word, the Living Word, Jesus Christ, will keep us stayed in Him. Jesus is our strength. He spoke forth creation, and it was so. He spoke forth healing, and it was so. “When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, what a glory He sheds on our way . . .”

The enemy does everything He can to distract us from serving the Lord Jesus, from walking with the Lord Jesus. When you reach back into your past, going on a “dig” and bring up your past sins for which you have already repented, you have taken your eyes off of Jesus.

We want so much for the Lord Jesus to forgive our sins; He does, and we go on a “dig” – endeavoring to dig up our old sins that are no more. Every moment that is spent on past sins to which we have gone to the Lord repenting of is time away from the Lord Jesus. We have been justified; God in Christ Jesus shed His blood on the Cross of Calvary that our sins might be forgiven. Christ died for our sins, and when we repent of our sins, we are justified by Him Who died for us and shed His blood on the Cross of Calvary for our sins: we are justified because “JESUS paid a debt He did not owe because we owe a debt we cannot pay.” It is written in the Psalms that “As far as the east is from the west, *[so]* far hath **he removed our transgressions from us**” (Ps 103:12).

We can write and write to explain all of this, but there is nothing like reading the Holy Bible that clearly states that our sins are forgiven when we repent and we are washed in the Blood of the Lamb, which brings forth fruits meet for repentance (Mt 3:8; Acts 26:20). Go forth living for Jesus with lives that show you are contrite before the King of kings Who has forgiven your sins, remembering them no more – living a new life in Jesus Christ. If Jesus Christ is not remembering our sins – why are we!!! Look unto Jesus – not your past!

**I, *[even]* I, *[am]* he that blotteth out thy transgressions** for mine own sake, and **will not remember thy sins** (Isa 43:25).

**I have blotted out**, as a thick cloud, **thy transgressions**, and, as a cloud, **thy sins**: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee (Isa 44:22).

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for **he will abundantly pardon** (Isa 55:7).

And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and **I will remember their sin no more** (Jer 31:34).

And **I will cleanse them from all their iniquity**, whereby they have sinned against me; and **I will pardon all their iniquities**, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me (Jer 33:8).

Who *[is]* a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? **he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth *[in]* mercy** (Mic 7:18).

For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and **their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more** (Heb 8:12).

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *[our]* sins, and **to cleanse us from all unrighteousness** (I Jn 1:9).

We are set free from our sin because Jesus went to the Cross for our sins, for us, because of His great love for us. But we have to make a decision to surrender our lives to Him for His glory, to live for Him, **not** to be burdened with our past sins if we have repented of them, and the Holy Spirit is working in us to help us seek that the Lord Jesus shall be Lord and Master of our lives. When Jesus is Lord and Master of our lives, our Saviour, we can walk in sweet fellowship as we walk in obedience to His will.

One note that is important. There is no place where the Holy Bible says you are to forgive yourself. That is not of the Lord Jesus Christ because you cannot forgive yourself; you cannot justify your sin. Jesus Christ alone can forgive us our sins as He died on the Cross for our sins. We must repent of our sins and walk on with Him in a life of holiness and righteousness in HIM.

We meet many who say they are living for the Lord Jesus Christ, but they are not reading the Holy Bible. What they are saying is that they live a goodly life as determined by the enemy, by the world.

**To live a godly life is to know the Word of the Lord, the Holy Bible, which teaches us the commands of the Lord that are given all through the Bible. To live a godly life is to know the voice of the Lord, to know the living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ and walk in obedience to Him.**

There is another aspect to forgiveness. The Model Prayer in Matthew Six (which you may call the Lord’s prayer) states, “And forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors.” When we forgive, we are to forgive in the same manner that our Lord forgives. Let us remember the following words from an old hymn,

“Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain. He wash’d it white as snow.”

### The New Leaf

He came to my desk with quivering lip –  
The lesson was done.

“Dear Teacher. I want a new leaf he said,  
“I have spoiled this one.”

I took the old leaf, stained and blotted  
And gave him a new one, all unspotted,  
And into his sad eyes smiled;  
“Do better now, my child!”