Volume 3 – Day 29: God Cannot Forgive Sin

The only pathway to intimacy with God is forgiveness of our relationship crimes (sins). Now to be sure, God does not forgive in the manner which most think. God cannot just let the perpetrator go free and still provide justice to the victim.

God's forgiveness is like the motor cyclists' saying, Pay it forward. God pays forward the sins to Jesus, so that the due penalty of our crimes is paid in full by Him. No sin goes unpunished by God. God declared emphatically, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay." God will either let you pay your punishment forward to Jesus, or He will allow you to serve your own sentence (separation from relationship with God). That is the singular message of the Gospel.

Many respected 'Christian' teachers, proclaim from their pulpits and lecterns, the false teaching of moralism. The proper response to acknowledged sin is, "Thank You, Lord, that Jesus has paid for this sin already!" Then go about your Father's work again immediately. One sacrifice and one repentance is all that God required for all of the sins of anyone who in faith lets God pay their sins forward to Christ. But to give thanks in everything is the ultimate in freedom from guilt and shame.

When a Christian joyfully thanks God for the forgiveness already applied to their entire life, and instantly restores their communion with God through the Holy Spirit, they can immediately hear His guidance and walk in it. This is truly what the Bible calls walking in the Spirit. You cannot walk in the Spirit by simply not walking in the flesh. Walking in the Spirit is living in constant awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit within and letting Him make your choices! His choices will always be laced with the unconditional love of God for you and for those in your present moment of influence.

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