Shelter from Guilt

Isaiah 53:6

(This lesson is to assure the Christian that God had planned and in fact, did make provision for a TOTAL remission of sins and a forgetfulness of it.)

I. Introduction

- A. God's Preplanned Intentions (Isa. 53:6)
- B. If we are faithful in repentance, God is faithful to forget. (1 Jn. 1:9)

II. Body

- A. God's mercy was evident in the O.T. before Christ's death. (Isa. 55:7)
- B. 'Religion' is a binding back to God. The call here shows God's faithfulness to those who will turn to Him. (2 Chron. 30:9)
- C. Metaphor showing God's removal of sin. (Ps. 103:12)
- D. John assured those who doubted and feared their (forgiven) past (1 Jn. 3:20)
- E. An O.T. quote of God's forgetting sin. No need for guilt. (Heb. 8:12)
- F. Christians are new creatures, this should assure our hearts. (2 Cor. 5:17)
- G. The advantage of the New Covenant (new agreement). (Jer. 31:34)
- H. God's new covenant agreement to "cleanse" and pardon. (Jer. 33:8)
- I. John reminds young Christians that they are indeed forgiven. (1 Jn. 2:12)
- J. Reference to erasing recorded errors in the book of Life. (Isa. 43:45)

III. Conclusion

- A. With the only condition of "if," the alien sinner or the wandering Christian may have God's divine forgiveness and be assured of His forgetfulness through the washing in the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ the Righteous. (1 Jn. 1:7)
- B. A child of God ought not to fear and doubt the transaction of his salvation when it is completed according to Divine ordinance. Jesus is faithful and God is faithful, let us be faithful, too.
- C. (On another note: There is a great example of a very important person who dealt regularly with his guilt. Remembering his past and being haunted by it, Paul, the apostle, battled the memory of his life before Christianity. Surely this was his thought when he said, "Of sinners, I am chief." He used this to his advantage though, and taught his audiences that Christ's love and forgiveness exceeded our guilt and shame.)

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