

Sunday, December 2 – Pastor Gene Strange

Read Psalm 25:1-10

“In you, LORD my God, I put my trust. I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause. Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good. Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.”

A pastor's son and his mom had been to a shopping mall and the boy had acted badly, wanting this and that, running off, etc. As they were driving home, he could sense her displeasure and said, “When we ask God to forgive us when we are bad, He does, doesn't He?” His mother replied, “Yes, He does.” The boy continued, “And when he forgives us, He buries our sins in the deepest sea, doesn't He?” The mom replied, “Yes that's what the Bible says.” The boy was silent for awhile and then said, “I've asked God to forgive me, but I bet when we get home, you're going to go fishing for those sins, aren't you?”

When God forgives, He forgets. Hebrews 8:12 “I will remember their sins no more.” When we confess our sins sincerely, the Lord forgives us completely.

When the angel startled Joseph with the announcement that he was going to be the father of the Messiah, the angel also named the baby. “You are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.” (Matt. 1:25) Today we rejoice in knowing our Saviour forgives our sins – all our sins. He removes them from our lives-... “as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”

Let us daily exclaim, “When God forgives, He forgets!” Amen