*Thursday, June 16, 2011*

**Remember To Forget**

Psalms 51:9-12 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. (10) Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. (11) Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. (12) Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. (KJV)

All this week we have been working on forgetting what is behind us so that we can grab a hold of and walk in the newness of life that is in front of us. Sounds simple, yet it may surprise you of how many things you entertain from your dead end past, and how many thoughts and ways you are still hanging on to from the past that keeps you from truly moving forward to the place that you know you belong.

Micah 7:18-19 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. (19) He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. (KJV)

Have you ever read what God does with the things from our past? How about things that you realized were sin and asked forgiveness for, is God still holding it against you? So if God is not holding this junk against you, well why do we still hang onto this dead weight at times, and entertain thoughts that lead to a dead end? When something is cast into the sea it is left there, thus the term buried at sea.

Isaiah 38:16-18 O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live. (17) Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back. (18) For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. (KJV)

Why are God’s people still seeking something alive in dead places? You know when you lean back to your own understanding, well, that is like going to a graveyard and looking for life. Why are you kicking yourself for something you already asked forgiveness for, when our Lord said that He got rid of it and doesn’t even know what you are talking about?

Psalms 103:10-14 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. (11) For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. (12) As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. (13) Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. (14) For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. (KJV)

Hey Church, God remembers his creation and He is well aware of who they are and how we all still sin and fall short at times. It’s not a matter of staying down in the pit, but rather it is getting back up on your feet and moving forward in your walk, instead of the guilt trips that we still take at times. The Lord looks at the motive of our heart today, and not the failures of yesterday. The more you look with the same eyes of understanding the more of the past you will forget and leave behind you as well.

Ezekiel 18:21-22 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. (22) All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. (KJV)

So how are you really living today; is it by the Word that is proceeding forth from the mouth of God, or do you think you just don’t measure up because of your past?