

DOES GOD FORGIVE MULTIPLE BACKSLIDINGS?

Question/Answer By Kevin Cauley

QUESTION: I'm just wondering does God forgive multiple backslidings? I've been in and out of church about 3 times and am deeply troubled by this subject, but am wanting God to forgive me for my failures and backslidings. I saw one guy suggest that once you've been saved and turn away, God will no longer forgive you of your sins. Any information on this subject and prayer would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time. Richard

ANSWER: God will always forgive sin if you turn in penitence to Him, confess your sins, and resolve to walk in His ways again. If God under the Old Covenant could forgive David for adultery and murder (2 Samuel 12:13), then God certainly will forgive you under the New Covenant of the blood of Christ. Jesus is a merciful High Priest (Hebrews 2:17).

Also, Jesus taught us to ask for forgiveness of sins when we pray to God (Luke 11:4). Do you think that He would tell us to ask for forgiveness if He wasn't willing to grant forgiveness? The only condition that we have to worry about in receiving forgiveness from God is that we are willing to forgive those who sin against us. God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

Richard, I assume you are a Christian. If you are, then you need to repent of your sins and ask God for forgiveness. If you have sinned publicly, then you need to make a public confession before the church and ask them to forgive you and help you not to be a backslider. Then you need to resolve in your heart to follow through with your repentance and make the changes in your life that you need to make. You also need to forgive yourself. You need to put your failures behind you and go forward in your life toward greater service in God's kingdom (Phil. 3:13, 14).

Here is a prayer that you can pray to ask for forgiveness of backsliding.

Dear Father. You are truly Holy and Righteous and all of our righteousness is as filthy rags. I come before you today Father because You have loved me enough to send Your Son Jesus to die for me. I know Father that You don't want anyone to perish, but that You want all to have eternal life with You. I pray Father that You would forgive me of my sin of backsliding, and give me the strength that I need to stand up and be faithful in Your kingdom. I pray Father that You would bless me and encourage me to go forward and to forgive myself and remove the guilt that I feel for sinning against You and Your Holiness. Oh Father, I am so thankful for the blessing of your Son Jesus. I thank you for His sacrifice. I thank you for His love. I thank You for Your love Father. Give me a blessing to serve Thee in Thy kingdom. And when this life is over, I humbly pray that You take me home to Your glory and give the promised inheritance of eternal life. In Jesus Name I humbly beg these things. Amen!

Now, be confident that God has forgiven your sins!

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JULY: BIRTHDAYS: 28-Wendy Rogers
ANNIVERSARIES: 28-Jimmy & Tina Kelly

AUGUST: BIRTHDAYS: 5-Shirley Butler, 6-Greg McClain, 9-Charlie Wachsmuth, 10-Shan De Priest, 16-Dalton Moore, 19-Micky Keen, 23-Eli Bryant, 25-Nick Bryant, 28-Kyle Foster, 28-Dylan Holt, 28-Nina Long, 30-Annie Wachsmuth, 31-Ella-Marie Rogers
ANNIVERSARIES: 3-Steve & Rita Foster, 8-Joe & Shirley Butler, 14-Terry & Mary Jo Hall, 15-Tim & Wendy Rogers 21-Charlie & Annie Wachsmuth

LET TIM OR RITA FOSTER KNOW IF WE DO NOT HAVE YOU LISTED HERE ON YOUR MONTH.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?
 We must hear the word of God. Romans 10:17
 We must believe the word of God. Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; Mark 16:15-16
 We must repent of our sins. Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38
 We must confess Christ before men. Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10
 We must be immersed for the remission of our sins. Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Peter 3:21
 We must live faithfully until death. Revelation 2:10; Romans 12:1-2

•THOSE TO SERVE – JULY/AUGUST LIST IN FOYER

(Please check for your assignment and PLEASE contact one of the Deacons if you know you are going to be absent on that date).

DATES TO REMEMBER:

• AUGUST 5th: 2nd Sunday Fellowship Lunch; All Invited

SHUT-INS /NURSING HOME:

Martha Nell Reed, Lakeside Retirement Community, 390 Dr. Smith Lane, McKenzie 38201

Elvy Sauls Jr., Life Care of Bruceton, 105 Rowland Ave., Bruceton 38317

PRAYER LIST Hunter Lindsey home now from appendix surgery Sunday, Kelly Keen home now- bladder surgery Tues., Sunday, Sumpany to the family of Ben Crittendon due to his passing last Sunday, George Aylor; Kaffie Green Kristie Deruiter, Gary Wallace, Lacey Appleton, Wanda Smith, Carnell McAlister, Christopher Dunavan, Jimmy McClain; Dwayne Bateman; Paige & Everly Halford; Sybil Hamilton, Tom Aden, Doris Haskell, Mary Bryant, Tim Rogers, Charlotte Russell, Harold Hutcherson, Charles Foster, Penny Warren, Vicki Murphy (Lexington), Mike Lane, Ruth Bennett, Heather Harris, Chris Bowers; Aaron Sutton; Valerie Allen

CANCER: Dan Foster, Jane Woodson, Ray Box, Denise Clemmer, Kenneth Foster, Joe Gordon, Linda Cherry; Jackie Smith, Keith Inman. Lynn Harrison, Deborah Browning; Hattie Brinkley Berry, Christine Johnson, Jimmy Greene, Lalanie Murphy

(If you requested that someone be added to the prayer list please provide update. Names normally remain on prayer list for 1 month, unless requested to remain)

We enjoyed having J.D. Russell preaching for us last week. This young man is a good Christian and becoming a very good minister for the Lord's church. We continue to support and encourage him.

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Services:

Sunday Morning

Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Evening: 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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MISSIONS: Partners in Africa; West TN Children's Home

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DATES	WEEK OF 07/01	WEEK OF 07/08	WEEK OF 07/15	WEEK OF 07/22	WEEK OF 07/29
PREPARE LORD'S SUPPER	SHERRILL SMITH	SHERRILL SMITH	SHERRILL SMITH	SHERRILL SMITH	SHERRILL SMITH
GREET	CHARLIE AND ANNIE	CHARLIE AND ANNIE	CHARLIE AND ANNIE	CHARLIE AND ANNIE	CHARLIE AND ANNIE
POWERPOINT	DAVID BRASHER	DAVID BRASHER	DAVID BRASHER	DAVID BRASHER	DAVID BRASHER
ANNOUNCEMENTS	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT
OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M.	DALE ADEN	JOHN HENRY LONG	WILLIAM MOORE	SHERRILL SMITH	DALE BALLENTINE
LEAD SINGING SUNDAY A.M.	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT
PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER	GREG MCCLAIN	GREG MCCLAIN	GREG MCCLAIN	GREG MCCLAIN	GREG MCCLAIN
PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE
SERVE LORD'S SUPPER	EDWARD RAY FORD JOSHUA BRASHER DREW KELLEY NOAH BRASHER	EDWARD RAY FORD JOSHUA BRASHER DREW KELLEY NOAH BRASHER	EDWARD RAY FORD JOSHUA BRASHER DREW KELLEY NOAH BRASHER	EDWARD RAY FORD JOSHUA BRASHER DREW KELLEY NOAH BRASHER	EDWARD RAY FORD JOSHUA BRASHER DREW KELLEY NOAH BRASHER
SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY A.M.	DANIEL ROGERS	JACOB KEEN	STEVE FOSTER	DYLAN HOLT	MONTE MORRIS
CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M.	DAVID BRYANT	JOHN HENRY LONG	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	DALE BALLENTINE	STEVE FOSTER
OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M.	MARK WRIGHT	GREG MCCLAIN	SHERRILL SMITH	DAVID BRYANT	JOHN HENRY LONG
LEAD SINGING SUNDAY P.M.	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE
SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY P.M.	JACOB KEEN	MONTE MORRIS	JACK LAWRENCE	NOAH BRASHER	MONTE MORRIS
CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M.	NOAH BRASHER	NICK BRYANT	JACOB KEEN	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE
OPENING PRAYER WEDNESDAY	JUL 4 CHARLIE WACHSMUTH	JUL 11 STEVE FOSTER	JUL 18 DAVID BRYANT	JUL 25 DALE ADEN	
LEAD SINGING WEDNESDAY	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	
DEVOTIONAL WEDNESDAY	DANIEL ROGERS	DALE ADEN	DALE BALLENTINE	STEVE FOSTER	
CLOSING PRAYER WEDNESDAY	JACOB KEEN	JOSHUA BRASHER	NOAH BRASHER	DYLAN HOLT	