

# Thought for the Day

Thursday November 14, 2024

## Today's Scripture:

**"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," and he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."**

**~ Hebrews 10: 16-17**

## Thoughts on Today's Verse(s):

One of the greatest challenges for many Christians is to *believe* beyond any shadow of doubt they are forgiven. Many folks, far too many, still feel they have to *earn* their salvation just like we have to earn our way in life. It just isn't so. First, there's no way we could ever earn The Lord's forgiveness because our sin is too bad, too great, too awful, too vile that we could ever compensate Almighty God for its stench. We cannot ever repay God for the hurt we have caused Him in our transgressions. Only Jesus could do that. Only The Perfect One, The Holy Son of God who never sinned, could qualify as adequate payment for our sin. It is/was so bad that it required royal, regal, Holy blood to pay the price. We could never afford it. Thus, we can rest in the knowledge that Jesus took care of everything. The debt has been paid, in full, just as Jesus declared from the cross, *Tetelestai*.

Second, God promises to even forget our sins in His Holy Word brought to us today in Hebrews. The Lord even offers us a *covenant*, a solemn promise that He will never break that whomever repents and seeks to follow His Son Jesus, "He will remember their sins no more". It's as if God threw out our trash. It's as if The Lord tossed our sins overboard never to be seen again. Oh, how much better and perfect at forgiveness is He than us as we struggle to forgive not only our neighbors, but ourselves. As a result, we wallow in sadness & sorrow over our sins when we don't need to. The die is cast. Our salvation is assured. Nothing, *absolutely nothing*, can change that or alter the course of our destiny Jesus put in motion for us at Calvary.

God has given His promise. He has made a covenant with us to forget our sins.

They are to Him as if they never existed. But we must remember that a covenant is bi-directional. That is, both parties have a part to play. He has promised to forgive and forget. We must confess.

## **Prayer:**

**Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, thank You for Your covenant, a solemn promise to forgive us all our transgressions and wrong doings. It is as if they never existed only because You have promised to forgive and forget. The debt has been paid in full by Your Glorious Son and we are the beneficiaries of eternal life with You. Please write Your covenant and Your Laws deep into our hearts and minds. Help us with our unbelief in our own salvation. Guide us so as to believe with all our hearts that we are forgiven, that You have even forgotten our sins. We trust in Your promise to remember our sins no more. Thank You Lord, Thank You Jesus. In His name we pray, Amen.**