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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ Forgiveness... what is it?

Posted by: summertime May 10 2006, 09:58 AM

QUOTE(statrei @ May 10 2006, 06:36 AM)

I can only expand on what Jesus is reported as saying. Since Danny put Linda away and it was not for marital infidelity her adultery will be his reponsibility. This is as plain as day.

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Posted by: Peachesevie May 10 2006, 11:27 AM

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Posted by: Nuggie May 10 2006, 03:44 PM

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Amen Huggins! He's been so, so merciful to me, and I am so thankful.

Posted by: awesumtenor May 11 2006, 07:17 AM

QUOTE(HUGGINS130 @ May 11 2006, 12:21 AM)

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Lets remember, the big point is that He wants us in personal relationship with Him - If I wrong or hurt someone, friend, family member or otherwise, to ask for forgiveness, even though I know it will be given, makes the relationship stronger. He wants the personal connection with us. We appreciate that even more when we realize that yes, He has paid for our sins, BUT to understand why only makes you want to come to Him and ask forgiveness.

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are you sure? In the Lord's prayer the phrase is forgive us as we forgive..... the question remains

how is it that Jesus died for our sins yet forgiveness has to be requested?

Posted by: Denny May 11 2006, 09:48 AM

If imperfect sinful humans can forgive another human who wrongs them way, way, way before they request it cannot a perfect Divine being do the same or even more? We are applying standards to God that we don't even practise ourselves. Remember the story of the Prodigal, the father was looking for his son before his son showed up, he did not wait for him to ring the doorbell. Some of us think God has the forgiveness principles of the elder brother, perhaps we expose ourselves with such thinking.....

Posted by: statrei May 11 2006, 10:15 AM

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It should never be the reason for repenting. Ever. Applying the real and true reason brings healing and closeness. It's personal - not a "rule" or "forced" thing. It's based on love for the other. Maybe this kind of love is only from God. JMO.

Posted by: denisebyers May 11 2006, 10:44 AM

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When I read the KJV, when it says the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance, I see that as we behold Him, get to know Him more each day, by his character, his life here on earth, he was so loving, merciful, compassionate, this changes us. As we keep our mind on Him, get to know Him more, and mediate on His words, this leads us to repentance, by the Holy Spirit working on our lives. I know this has put a change in my life. He is an awesome God.....too awesome to describe....there's so much to learn everyday, and I love this! And yes, His love does change the way we think and act.

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I love that translation Clay - somehow I grew up not seeing this part of Christ - and the past 20 years I have spent getting to know God and His real personal interest in ME, His caring of ME, that I am important to Him - not just what I do wrong, but His wanting to get to my heart and make me a real and new creature. Only by Love can this happen. Not being beat over the head. Thanks Clay and Denise! When we really come to understand this, that's when REAL change comes and it sticks!

Posted by: awesumtenor May 11 2006, 11:43 AM

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Posted by: statrei May 11 2006, 12:03 PM

The fact that the goodness of God leads us to repentance does not mean that we have not been already forgiven. The text is only speaking to the effect of the goodness of God on the individual.

Posted by: Denny May 12 2006, 03:18 AM

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Posted by: Prisca May 12 2006, 05:24 AM

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The goodness of God does not lead to repentance when ingratitude trips the person up. That is a part of that despising right? You have to have a sense of gratitude/thankfulness/awareness in order to continue down that path to repentance.

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It depends. You may forgive your addict child but not allow him/her to return to the home to cause havoc and present a danger to yourself or anyone else in the family. Is that what you mean by reconciled?

Posted by: awesumtenor May 12 2006, 07:12 AM

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There is a distinct difference between my extending forgiveness and my receiving it. The prodigal son had long been forgiven by his father but he did not receive it until he sought it. I can extend forgiveness unilaterally; I cannot receive it unilaterally, however.

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Posted by: beartrap May 12 2006, 09:20 AM

QUOTE

Should acknowledgement of wrongdoing and penitence ever occur, we would be the first to forgive and forget. Unfortunately, that has not happened, and we must move on.
Dr. Walter Thompson, Open letter from 3ABN, April 5, 2006

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Posted by: Clay Jul 8 2006, 01:13 PM

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