<u>Discover</u> Complete Forgiveness

Read 1 John 1: 1-10 until the truth of this wonderful chapter brings light into your heart

John writes not to the world, but to the church.

Look at how often he speaks of "WE"

- v. 6 "If WE say that WE have fellowship with Him..."
- v. 7 "But if WE walk in the light, as He is in the light, WE have fellowship with one another"

The word "WE" or "US" occurs 25 times in these 10 verses! Thus we can be sure that here the Bible is talking to Christians.

 When Daniel confessed his sin and those of his people that God answered him.

(Dan. 9: 4-16; 19: 22)

- If you want an answer to your prayers, you must be able and willing to confess all sin in your life.
- When Isaiah confessed, the live coal from God's altar touched his mouth and his guilt was taken away. (Isaiah 6: 5-7) And remember, he was already a prophet!
- Many people want God's fire from God's altar, without making their lives right with God by confessing their sins.

IF YOU WANT COMPLETE FORGIVENESS THERE ARE THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD DO:

FIRSTLY: You must get forgiveness from the Lord for YOUR OWN SINS.

1 John 1: 7 "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses from all sin."

(Verse 9) "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

If blood does not reach a certain part of our body, that part will die.

If Jesus' blood does not flow through your life, you will die spiritually. And the only way to get His blood to cleanse your soul and mind is to confess your sins with all of your heart.

SECONDLY: Forgive YOURSELF

As the devil accused *Joshua the high priest* before God (Zech.3: 1 to 5) so he accuses us before God.

Rev. 12: 10: "Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven. Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down."

Never help the devil in his dirty work by accusing others as well as yourself!

All sins that are honestly confessed are forgiven and forgotten by God.

Colossians 2:13, 14 (The Living Bible)

"He forgave all your sins, and blotted out the charges proved against you, the list of His commandments which you had not obeyed. He took this list of sins and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross."

Psalm 103: 12

"As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our sins from us."

Where is East and where is West?

Jeremiah 31:34

"For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

If God doesn't remember them, you and I should not remember them either.

God will help you to forget!

But how can you forget if you keep that letter to use against someone; or the negative notes in that book, or even that conversation on tape? Destroy all those things so that you truly can forget!

You ask: "What must I do if the old wrong thoughts come back?"

Colossians 3: 1, 2

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things"

Fill your mind with the good things in life.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I SIN AGAIN?

1 John 2: 1 "My little children, these things I write you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

As Christians we should not sin. But if you sin you can once again go to Jesus for forgiveness. His grace is more than enough. Believe this.

THIS BRINGS US TO THE THIRD MATTER CONCERNING FORGIVENESS, NAMELY: FORGIVE ALSO YOUR FELLOW MAN.

To really be forgiven you need:

Forgiveness from God
You need to forgive yourself
But it is also important to forgive others

Did you know that many people cannot move "mountains" of problems because they cannot forgive?

Mark 11: 23, 24 is a wonderful scripture.

But just to "BELIEVE" and to "TALK TO" your mountain is not enough.

We must also read the 25th and 26th verses:

"And whenever you stand praying, (in front of your problem – your mountain) if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses "

What happens if I forgive?

I unlock the spiritual door of the person I forgive and I release myself.

And if I don't forgive?

Then I am given over to the "torturers" according to

Matthew 18: 15 to 35

Matt.5:23-26

REMEMBER: The MAIN REASON why I forgive others is not because they deserve it, but because I want to be free. **Luke 6: 37**

How many times must I forgive?

The Bible says:

70 x 7 Matthew 18: 21, 22

7 times a day Luke 17:3,4

GET COMPLETE FORGIVENESS

Ask God to forgive you. Forgive yourself (Speak to yourself in a mirror and forgive yourself) Forgive your spouse. Forgive your parents. Forgive your teachers and lecturers. Forgive the one that defrauded you.

Discover COMPLETE FORGIVENESS and live a life of overflowing joy!!