Don't Be Trapped in the Past; the Devil's Prison

We will not be trapped in our past, because we are not giving our minds over to the devil!

Philippians 3:13-15 KJV Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, [14] I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. [15] Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

The born-again Christian is free from past sins by repenting and having faith in the blood of Jesus. God, our Father, has promised that He doesn't remember our sins and iniquities!

Hebrews 10:12-17 KJV But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; [13] From henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool. [14] For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. [15] Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that He had said before, [16] This is the Covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; [17] And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

When God looks at all of us who have received His Son, Jesus; He has a way of not remembering our sins, by looking at us through His Son's blood. Well since that's what He is doing for us, we ought to join Him by not remembering our previous sinful condition either. The devil is always trying to get us to look at our un-holy past; and if we do, we start moving back into the devil's prison-mentality.

Revelation 12:10 KJV And I heard a loud voice saying in Heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the Kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

We will not stay out of satan's prison mentality unless we quit letting him lie to us! The thoughts that we think about ourselves and others must be challenged by God's Word. Every born-again Christian is a new creation spiritually; previous sins are gone, and we are a new people in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Your previous life before Christ is NOT who you are now!! When the devil accuses you and says, "Remember what you did back then?", you must not believe his lies; but rather speak back to him Father God's Words.

The devil wants us to join his team. He is the accuser, and he wants US to become

accusers. First he wants you to accuse yourself, then he wants you to accuse others.

I look at the world right now that is caught up in a vicious cycle of accusations, and I think about how they COULD be free! I hear the voice of my Father telling me, "It's only by them accepting My forgiveness, and then forgiving others in My Name, that it will be done". So this is what Jesus wants US to do… get people to understand what He did for them on that cross! Then true freedom can come.

Love you, Pastor Paul