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HAVING A GOOD FORGETTER

In examining the life of the Apostle Paul, we see a man that was trained up to be a religious Pharisee. He was determined to do what he thought was right for the God that he had only “heard” about. He made it his life’s goal to irradicate anyone that didn’t believe what the scriptures taught. He went after every Christian he could find to bring them in to the court and have them put in prison or be executed because they opposed everything he had been taught.

When he met Jesus Christ on the Road to Damascus his entire life turned upside. Everything that he had been taught resounded as only half truths. His encounter changed him from the inside out. From the very beginning he was told how much he would suffer for the gospel’s sake in serving Jesus. He saw this price as a small price to pay to have a relationship with the savior of his soul.

Yet, there were times in the scripture that we see the remorse that Paul had over the deeds he had done earlier in his life. There were many regrets. In Philippians chapter three he talks of his “religious” credentials. He then goes on to say in verse 7, ***“But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.”*** He realized that all the things prior to conversion meant nothing. His money, his status, his accomplishments he counted them as “dung” that he might win Christ.

He was determined to forget his past and press on. If he hadn’t chosen to forgive himself, he could never have accomplished what he did for Jesus. All of it was behind him now, and he pressed on to the day that he would be with his Lord.

What about you? Do you have a good forgetter? Or do you allow yourself to be held captive in your past? I can assure you that when you ask for forgiveness that God truly forgives and then forgets. You will never have victory in your Christian life without forgiving and forgetting. Satan will try to bring your past up, but you mustn’t allow his words to control your destiny. Have a good forgetter my friends and press on like the Apostle Paul did, and you too will live a life of victory.