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EYES IN THE BACK OF OUR HEAD

I remember thinking as a child that my mother had “eyes in the back of her head” because she always knew things without being told. I have come to discover that it wasn’t exactly the case. Wise mothers keep their eyes and ears open and occasionally look through the waste basket!

Have you ever wondered why God made man with no ability to spin his head 180° to see what is behind him? There are many people that would continuously live in that position. They are focused with “eyes in the back of their heads.” They constantly look at the “what happened” in their lives. They are stuck in a rut looking backwards.

In Philippians 3:13-14 the Apostle Paul speaks of his life in saying: ***13 “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.”***

Paul is the man previously called Saul, that murdered Christians. He oversaw the stoning of Stephen, the first Christian martyr. He had a religious spirit, zealous to do works. Yet in spite of all the sin in his life, he encountered Jesus Christ, and everything changed. It happened on the Damascus Road. God reached down, spoke to him, and a new life began.

Paul follows the previous verses above with ***“Let us therefore as many as be perfect (mature) be thus minded...”*** He instructed those in Philippi to “forget those things behind” and be like minded. This is such a great illustration of God’s grace. In order to walk in freedom of this grace we must too let go of our past, and not walk with “eyes in the back of our heads.” We must take those thoughts that remember our past and say, “No more.” It is gone. It is buried and I choose to “look forward” to a bright future with Christ! This is the only way to live in victory and peace. No more “eyes in the back of our heads.”