Make Church a Part of Your Life WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Grasping the Benefits of Having the Son" By Preacher/Teacher Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Ministries

MINDFUL OF THE MOMENT

L here is a thought that goes something like this... "Yesterday is

a cancelled check; tomorrow is a promissory note. What will you

do with the treasure that is today?" It is something to consider the

energy we spend regretting the past and worrying about the future.

We can, however, learn from the past and plan and trust God for

our future. Most importantly, we can delight in today, since this

time will never return. Didn't the Creator make the world around

us just for our enjoyment? If we are to relish the moment we must

possess the peace of mind that only He can provide. Don't let worry and regret weigh you down; learn to experience the present

moment. Delight in the serenity of His sanctuary in your house of

Weekly Scripture Reading

Leviticus

25.1-34

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Leviticus

19.19-37

OF FORGIVENESS

gave His one and only Son, that Commentary) whoever, believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." the Father's gift, receive all the Father has. The Bible gives us this wonderful truth, "What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.' So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir." (Galatians 4:1-7)

1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

When a person acknowledges his sin and in repentance confesses those sins before the Lord, his sins are forgiven. By virtue of the cleansing effect of

WE HAVE THE BENEFIT Jesus' atoning death the repentant fess" (is homologe \bar{o} - $\dot{o}\mu o\lambda o\gamma \epsilon \omega$) Testament) The Christian who sinner is fit for fellowship with means to agree with another or Read from Scripture what God the Father, Jesus His Son and rather to agree with God as to all the Ultimate Father did. "For enabled to walk in step with the the implication of the sin com-God so loved the world, He Holy Spirit. (The New American mitted by the child of God. This fice, O God, is a broken spirit;

what to do when sin overcomes of it and his heart desire to put that (John 3:16) Those who receive them and the benefits of confession to the Lord.

worship this week.

Leviticus

19.1-18

Exodus

23.1-13

includes the hatred of that sin, the a broken and contrite heart you, John instructs Christians on Christians sense of guilt because sin out of his life. (Wuest's Word Study in the Greek New Testa-It begins with confession: "con- ment; Word Studies in the New

is forgiven of a confessed sin has the spirit and heart of King David who wrote, "My sacri-God, will not despise." (Psalm 51:17)

Walter B. Knight wrote about "A man who was deeply convicted of sin and about his need for the Savior. Restlessly, he wandered one night along a country road, seeking relief for his misery. When he became tired, he sat down by some hedges. After sitting for a while, on the other side of the hedge he heard two girls in conversation. One girl had heard a sermon about forgiveness; she said it brought her so much comfort. The sermon brought out a statement that has been spoken by most of us, 'You made your bed, now lie in it.' (Knight's Treasury of 2,000 Illustrations)

The Bible records the words of the Greatest Teacher of all time, 'Your sins are forgiven... I want you to know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins." (Mark 2:10) Ilike the words written by Micah, "You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea." (Micah 7:19)

God does not hold our sins against us once we have called upon Christ for forgiveness in repentance.

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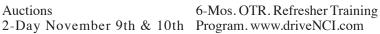
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