

God's Forgiveness and Acceptance

He who declares, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," also gives the invitation, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." Revelation 2:10; Isaiah 55:7. God hates sin, but He loves the sinner. "I will heal their backsliding," He declares; "I will love them freely." Hosea 14:4. {PK 84.1}

The heart of God yearns over His earthly children with a love stronger than death. In giving up His Son, He has poured out to us all heaven in one gift. –SC, p. 21

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness. For I acknowledge my transgression: and my sin is ever before me. Purge me and I shall be clean, wash me and I shall be whiter than snow...Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me. Deliver me, O God. –Psalm 51

The Bible does not teach that the sinner must repent before he can heed the invitation of Christ to, "Come unto Me." ... -SC, p. 27

It is as we behold Him, as the light from our Savior falls upon us, that we see the sinfulness of our own hearts. –SC, p. 28

He is wooing by His tender love the hearts of His erring children. No earthly parent could be as patient with the faults and mistakes of his children as is God with those He seeks to save. –SC, p. 35

When Satan comes to tempt you that you are a great sinner, look up to your Redeemer, and talk of His merits. Jesus came into the world to save sinners. –SC, p. 36

Confess your sins to God, who only can forgive them. –SC, p. 37

If we confess our sins, He is faithful to forgive us our sins and to cleanse (clean us up) from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can CHOOSE TO SERVE HIM. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do His good pleasure. Thus your whole nature will be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ; your affections will be centered upon Him, your thoughts will be in harmony with Him. –SC, p. 47

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you. –SC, p. 49 (Isa 1:18)

You have resolved to give yourself to God. Now go to Him, and ask that He will wash away your sins, and give you a new heart. –Eze. 36:26

Do not wait to feel that you are made whole, but say, “I believe it; it is so, not because I feel it, but because God has promised it.” –SC, p. 51

Now that you have given yourself to Jesus, do not draw back, do not take yourself away from Him, but day by day say, “I am Christ’s; I have given myself to Him;” and ask Him to give you His Spirit, and keep you by His grace. –SC, p. 52

God does not deal with us as men deal with each other. His thoughts are thoughts of mercy, love and tenderest compassion. He says, “Let the wicked forsake his ways ... and He WILL have mercy on him. God will abundantly pardon. –SC, p. 53 (Isa. 55:7, 44:22)