

Forgive Yourself: Col. 3:13

Friend, if you're still living in the guilt and shame of past sins after you've sincerely repented: **Right now by God's grace** forgive yourself and give it **all** to God.

There was a time in my life when I lived in severe guilt of past sins, but one night God gave me a dream of being attacked and I called out to my Savior Jesus, and like a little child I said to the attackers "Don't you know who I am? Do you know who my Father is? My Father is God, God is my Daddy" and the attackers became terrified and didn't touch me. Feeling unworthy of forgiveness & feelings of guilt is an attack from the enemy. I accepted His protection so freely in that dream from my Daddy God; and after the dream (and wise counsel) I decided to accept my Daddy God's forgiveness, and I forgave myself because that is what I believe God was conveying to me, amongst other things----**Forgive yourself!** God is our Father and we set ourselves above God when we don't forgive ourselves because the **blood of Jesus**, God's beautiful Son is sufficient and more than enough for us!



*I love, love, love God and I strive not to purposely sin because I do love Him. When we are born again, we become new creatures in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). Holy Spirit lives in me and strengthens me to not yield to sin. **I'm in no way perfect**, but when God saved me, forgave me and delivered me from a demonic lesbian spirit; the hurt of molestation, and total confusion, **as no one else had the power to deliver me---** **I fell head over heels in love with Jesus**; and from that moment I've wanted to exalt Him and express my appreciation for loving me, and setting me free. Even when I was a lost sinner in habitual sin & filth I can remember Jesus wrapping me up in His love and protecting me. I love praising Father God by expressing appreciation to Him for loving me so much and sending His Son Jesus to reconcile us back to Himself. I know I was deserving of hell; **I know I can never earn His love or forgiveness**, and I also know that I don't have to earn it; our greatest goodness is as filthy rags, but my heart is so filled with thanksgiving for being set free because I was a wretch, **and God, only God** could have cleaned me up and changed my heart; changed my desires, destroyed the power of sin over me, and filled my heart with His love. People make statements about obeying God is trying to be perfect, or obeying is legalism, but it is absolutely not! **I know I'm not perfect**, but I love Jesus and I want and desire to obey---how else can we show Him we love Him? Jesus said to us in John 14:15" If you love me, obey me." And when I sin: I hurt, confess my sin to Him, receive forgiveness and ask for grace to not continually sin. Obeying is not burdensome; it's an honor, especially knowing that obeying is for our own good because God knows what is best for us. As I was told by a wisdom filled friend and pastor: **"Forgive yourself!"** And **as Jesus told those He healed in John5:14; John 8:11 "go and sin no more" we must do likewise!** Live victorious as God created us to live, through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

Love in Christ, Tony Mayfield