

“A Clean Slate”

Psalm 103:2-3 (NSRV) - “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases...”

When I was in elementary school, one of our duties at the end of the day was to clean the black board. At the end of each day, one student would get a bucket and sponge and wipe down the entire board. As the day had progressed chalk dust had covered up the board. It didn't really matter how much you tried to use the erasers, there was still a little bit from each lesson showing through. It was not until the board was washed that the slate became clean.

As I have evaluated my life as a Christian, I have noticed that in the midst of my own sin I find that often times I am unable to forgive myself for my iniquity and my own transgression. I know that Christ calls me to his house and asks that I leave my burdens at his feet, and yet, I hold on to my guilt. Psalm 103 reminds us that we are blessed and that God offers us ALL his blessing and that ALL our iniquities are forgiven. We are completely washed in his blood.

Just as when I tried to erase my own guilt, there were remnants of life's lessons on my heart and I am continually reminded by the scars of the mistakes in my life. I could not erase the guilt on my own accord. It is not until being plunged in the fountain of life that we are completely made new. Each moment we have to accept Christ in our hearts again, we are again promised of a “clean slate.” We know that tomorrow there will be more lessons and marks upon us that will again get us dirty. Thus, it is a daily plunge that allows us to be cleansed by his grace.

Call upon him today. Receive his grace. Enjoy a “clean slate.”

Prayer: Dear Lord, please cleanse us today. We know that we are dirty and in need of a good washing. Allow us to have a fresh start in you. In Jesus name, Amen.