

A Godly Friend: Stops, Looks & Listens

1 John 1:9

A. The positional aspect of our forgiveness

Romans 10:9,10; Acts 16:31; Romans 6:1-10

- + We are forgiven once for all by God on behalf of Christ's substitutionary atonement for our sins.

B. The practical aspect of our forgiveness

- + While the union of that relationship with God will never be severed (*Is 49:16; Jn 10:28-29*), the communion/fellowship is, by sin.
- + To deny our sin is to reveal a lack of apprehension of the truth of the Gospel & what God's word says about the universality of man's sin (*Job 4:17; Ps 14:3; Is 53:6; Rom 3:10-18, 23*).

Fellowship with God far surpasses the folly of arrogance...

Judicial Forgiveness (positional)		Parental Forgiveness (ongoing, practical)
Guilt causes liability to eternal punishment		Guilt causes liability to Temporal punishment.
Punishment is just from God as Judge.		Punishment is remedial and disciplinary from God as Father.
Rebuke comes as condemnation.		Rebuke comes as correction.
Sense of guilt produces fear of judgment.		Sense of guilt produces remorse over offending the Father.
Confession is of an enemy surrendering.		Confession is of a child submitting.
Forgiveness lifts the threat of hell.		Forgiveness lifts the threat of temporal punishment.
Forgiveness establishes a new relationship with God.		Forgiveness improves the previous relationship with God

Key Words:

TRUTH 1 John 1:6 & 8

- + Truth = aletheia = *the reality lying at the basis of an appearance; the manifested essence of a matter.*

FELLOWSHIP 1 John 1:6 & 7, also 3)

- + Fellowship = koinonia = *communion, sharing in common, a close association, partnership, participation*

CONSIDER Hebrews 10:24

- + Believers are commanded to *consider (study, fully understand & perceive) one another.*"

CONFESS 1 John 1:9

- + Confess = homologeo - *speak the same thing (homo=same, lego=to speak), to assent, accord, agree with.'*

Communication Breakdown

A. Semantic Discrepancy

B. Channel Discrepancy

- + Occurs when speaker's words communicate one message, but voice tone, facial expressions and body language give a different message.

C. Some Foolish Responses (involve sin)

- + **Prov 12:16** A fool is quick to show annoyance
- + **Prov 14:9** A fools scorns at making amends
- + **Prov 18:2** A fool interrupts
- + **Prov 18:19** A fool stonewalls

Are you a fool or wise?

Fool	Wise
-stubborn/set in ways	Eph 4:22-24
-disregards God	Prov 3:5-6
-self-absorbed, selfish	Phil 2:1-4
-impulsive	Josh 1:8
-rigid, inflexible	1 Peter 5:5-6
-short sighted	Eccl 12:13-14
-constant turmoil	Prov 13:15
-refuses instruction	Heb 13:17

