

Gen 15:6

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"You sinned again?"

"How could you do such a thing and call yourself a Christian?"

"God will never forgive you for this one."

These are all things we have thought or heard in our head when we sin. But they are not from God. God doesn't look down on you when you blow it and fall into sin. No, God is just waiting for you to ask for His forgiveness and as Jesus said to the woman caught in adultery.

† **John 8:11** *She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."*

But what if you do go and sin again? Will God forgive you? Peter asked the Lord the same thing.

† **Matt 18:21-22** *Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."*

7 x 70 = 490 times. If the Lord expects us to forgive someone that much, how much more will He forgive us?

So what does all of this have to do with today's devotional verse? Read it again.

† **Gen 15:6** *And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.*

This is speaking of Abraham (or known as Abram at the time). But notice it doesn't say that Abraham's righteousness came from how many times he went to church, or how much he gave, or how much he went out street witnessing, or even reading his bible all day while sitting in ashes (which represents repentance and humility). No, it just came by believing in God.

Sound too simple? Maybe it does, but try it next time you sin and those thoughts come into your head. Just believe that God has forgiven you as He said He would, and don't believe the father of lies which is Satan and what he is telling you.

† **John 8:44** *You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.*

Instead, believe the Father of truth Who says:

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

- † **John 3:17-18** *For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*