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Mr. James Edd Ray
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir,

I feel the Lord would have me write to you and tell you that He loves you and that He died for you. It makes no difference what we have done He still loves us and wants to forgive us if we will only confess our sins and His forgiveness. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

of us all." (Isa. 53:5,6).

" ... John seeth ... coming unto him, ... saith Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

If we will repent of (be sorry of and turn from) our sins and earnestly and sincerely ask His forgiveness I'm sure He will, for "... Him that cometh to me I will in no wise ... out" (John 6:37).

" ... except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:5).

There is a condition

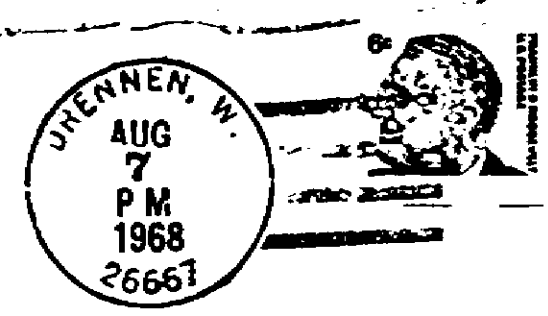
that we forgive others
"For if ye forgive
men their trespasses,
your heavenly Father will
also forgive you; but if
ye forgive not
men their trespasses
neither will your Father
forgive your trespasses"
(Matt. 6:14,15). Isaiah
also said, prophesying
of the time which
we now enjoy "Come
now and let us reason
together, saith the Lord
though your sins be
as scarlet they shall
be as white as snow;
though they be
red like crimson, they shall

"If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just
to forgive us our sins,
and to cleanse us from
all unrighteousness" (1 John
1:9). I know this is
true from my own experience.
Isaiah, prophesying of
Jesus, said, "But he was
wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our
iniquities: the chastisement
of our peace was upon him;
and with his stripes
we are healed. All we
like sheep have gone
astray; we have turned
every one to his own
way; and the Lord hath
laid on him the iniquity

though he were dead,
yet shall he live;
and whosoever liveth
and believeth in me
shall never die. Believest
thou this?" (John 11:25,26).
The Lord adds us to the
church. "And the Lord
added to the church
daily such as should
be saved" (Acts 2:47);
and he writes our names
down in heaven.
"And of Zion (the church)
it shall be said, This
and that man was
born in her; and the
Highest himself shall
establish her. The Lord
shall count, when he

the are upon" (Psa. 1;15);
Moreover - "as far -
as the east is from
the west, so far hath
he removed our
transgressions from us"
(Psa. 103;12). When this
takes our nature of
sin is gone and we
are new persons. "Therefore
if any man be in Christ,
he is a new creature:
old things are passed
away; behold, all things
are become new"
(2 Cor. 5;17), he become
alive in Christ "Jesus
said unto her, I am the
resurrection and the life;

whilst up the people
that this man was
born there" (Psa. 87;5,6).
We must be overcomers
and not let the devil
defeat us - "He that over -
cometh, the same shall
be clothed in white
raiment; and I will
not blot out his name
out of the book of life,
but I will confess
his name before My father
and before his angels"
(Rev. 3;5).
I am praying for you
and I trust God
will save you and
abundantly bless you.



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