

## Love and Forgiveness

*I, even I, am He that blot out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.—Isaiah 43:25*

Unfortunately, parents know the sickening feeling when a child does something that goes against the things the parents have worked so hard to instill in them. You may lie awake at night, you may cry, and you try hard to trust God and leave it in His hands. As you go through the heart wrenching experience it is difficult to concentrate on anything else.

At first, the pain is excruciation. As time passes, you are able to move forward and work through the situation. Now that I am a grandparent, I find that the improprieties take up very little of my thoughts. I tend to remember the good times and unless one of my children reminds me, I never think of the misconduct. I think that love for my children has allowed me to forget the pain.

I believe our sin hurts God. I believe that it causes Him pain that we, His children, could think so little of what He has done for us, for what He desires for us. Just as it is sad that one of our children could think so little of how their actions hurt us, it is even sadder that we could think so little of how our actions hurt our Savior.

In talking to those who are His children (Hebrews 8:10), those who have trusted Christ as their Savior God says, *“For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more”* (8:12). How can it be that God would chose to remember our sins no more? I believe that as His children, He loves us so much that He is ready to forget our confessed sins. *“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).