

Guilt and Forgiveness

by Mike Tucker *

Billy Graham told a story about a boy in the eighteenth century who left home at the age of 15 to join the British Army, but when he faced enemy bullets flying all around him, he deserted, making his way back to England. Eventually, he became one of the most famous astronomers of the 18th Century, but his secret sin haunted him for years.

In the process of his study of astronomy, he discovered a new planet, Uranus. Hearing of this outstanding discovery, King George summoned him. The young scientist came, but he was fearful the king would order his execution because of his desertion.

In the king's court the scientist was given an envelope. Instead of containing words of condemnation, the envelope contained a royal pardon. The king said, "Now we can talk, and you shall come up and live at Windsor Castle." His name was Sir William Herschel. He became known as the Astronomer of the King.

Dr. Graham observed, *"This is what God promises us. We are guilty and helpless. But God loves us, and he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy."* (Titus 3:5, NIV)

I like these words written by Annie Johnson Flint:

*"His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,
His power has no boundary known unto men;
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again."*

The message of forgiveness is the most powerful message of Scripture. You have been forgiven! The robe of Christ's righteousness covers you, making it possible for you to talk with the King!

Rejoice in Christ's forgiveness! Live in the power of His grace.

With Love
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