

“Fear Of The Past”

INTRODUCTION: God will guide us through the FUTURE.

- Don't get “*stuck*” in the PAST, obstructing your Spiritual growth.

What is there in the PAST, to be “*afraid*” of?

1.- FAILURE In The Past

- “*Failure is the back door to success.*” – Don't “*waste*” FAILURE!
- You aren't beyond HOPE or HELP – **Psalm 40:1-4**
- “*Past failures can be a crushing boulder, or a stepping stone.*”

2.- FORGIVENESS Of The Past

- Bring up the past, only to ask forgiveness.
- Guilt over unrepentant sin can cripple you – Proverbs 28:13
- Covering up or hiding sin only causes it to “*stink*”.
- We're to CONFESS our past sins – 1 John 1:9

3.- FORGETFULNESS About The Past

- Satan will try to convince you that your past sins have defeated you.
- **Psalm 103:8-12** – Hebrews 10:17 – God forgives and FORGETS.
- It's impossible for US to “*forgive and FORGET*” ... we can't escape the damage, pain, hurt, consequences of sin.
- Only God can help you to “*remember to forget*” – **Phil. 3:13-14**
- Replace your hurtful thoughts with God's grace & mercy.
- The Church has always had a difficult time FORGETTING the past.

4.- MOVE FORWARD Out Of The Past

1 Start All Over Again – TODAY ... Today is the 1st day of the
2 rest of your life!

3 Be Faithful – TODAY ... Don't let the PAST keep you from
living for Christ in the PRESENT.

2 Accept God's Peace – TODAY ... God isn't in the business of
rehashing the past - **Philippians 4:8-9**

CONCLUSION:

- The **SAVED** have past sins marked “*Paid In Full*”.
- The **LOST** have eternal consequences to pay – Romans 6:23
- Don't let the PAST ruin your PRESENT, FUTURE, ETERNITY.