

Our sins Are "covered" but Not "ignored"

There is a difference between "forgiving" someone, and "ignoring" the sin in their lives. Sin causes harm to the sinner and those whose lives are touched by the sinner. There is a difference between "correction" and "retribution." 1 John 1:9 has more to do with God's correction than retribution. God loves all of us unconditionally, but for our sakes, not His, He wants to hear those words, "I'm sorry," when we stray from the path which He has chosen for our highest good.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 Jn. 1:9