

RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

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It does no good for us to Pray
"Father forgive me," every day -
*Then cling to guilt and show no trace
That we're receptive to His Grace!*

*For God's Mercy is not imposed
On persons who are not disposed
To be receivers of His Love.
Words/Deeds must mesh like "hand-in-glove!"*

A dour-faced Christian bowed in guilt
Is like a stream that's clogged with silt.
*For in our failure to receive
We could be asked: "Do you Believe?"*

Our Christian witness is not true
If we are always sad and blue.
*When His Forgiveness we receive
God grants "Full Pardon"- (not reprieve)!*

*Now Justified - declared sin free -
Our lives should shine for all to see!
With smiles of Joy we meet each gaze -
Our very lives should sing His Praise!*

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Church at Ephesus: .. *Praise to the Glory of His (God's) Grace. Wherein He hath made us acceptable to the Beloved (Jesus). To Whom we have redemption through His Blood, the Forgiveness of Sins, according to the Riches of His Grace* "
[Ephesians 1:6-7 from The King James Bible]