

What's Past Is Past

It wasn't exactly a weekly thing, but the Knight family routinely had the trees in their front yard rolled with toilet paper by a family friend.

His efforts were works of art, if he did say so himself – roll after roll hanging from the limbs, blowing in the breeze, getting soggy in the rain. Many times, the culprit would help clean it all up.



Fast forward 25 years or so. Now an adult, the former “yard artist” stayed with the Knight family during a visit to town. When he got to his room, it was completely covered with toilet paper! The bed. The pillows. Hanging from light fixtures. Everywhere!

It was sweet revenge for the Knights.

The Knights and their friend were able to laugh about the foolish stuff he did as a teenager, but many are not that fortunate. Some kids get into more serious trouble and spend much of their lives living it down – legally, emotionally, or both. Worst of all can be the guilt.

Some people have a hard time experiencing God's forgiveness for the things they did, even though His forgiveness is available to them.

A life of faith is not about feeling guilty about things in your past. God's grace and forgiveness can give you a fresh start.

The cross is not for perfect people; it's for people who aren't perfect and who desperately need forgiveness.

So don't believe the enemy's accusations. Forgiveness is available in Christ.

The bottom line: You might have messed up big time as a kid or even as an adult, but God's forgiveness is big enough to handle it. Let His grace set you free from your past.

Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to Your mercy remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord (Psalm 25:7 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter