

Do you think that you have a past to live down?

Actually when you look at the human race and all the atrocities our human race has perpetrated on mankind, on women, children, the animal kingdom and the environment, then it's true every child of Adam has a past to live down.

Since we were in Adam conceived sinners from our mother's womb, all of us have the horrific past of all Adam's race to live down.

But how can you live down the disgrace of all the Bnei Adam's sins?

To "live down" means to live in such a way that a past disgrace or sin can be forgiven, even forgotten. Is this possible? Paul the Apostle was always being reminded that he had a past to live down. His detractors were jealous ministers and angry Jewish people and they were always reminding Paul about the fact that he once murdered pious Jewish followers of Moshiach, and that he himself had a

horrific past that he had to live down. However, Paul told his detractors that "it is no longer I who live, but Moshiach who lives in me."

He told them that the man he used to be had died, and that his life was hidden with God in Moshiach. Also, he told his critics that

if anyone is in Moshiach he is no longer in Adam,

if anyone is in Moshiach he no longer has the horrific past of all Adam's race to live down.

If anyone is in Moshiach, he is no longer

living in a fallen old humanity with a terrible past to try to live down, but he is

living in a new risen humanity with a wonder future to live not down but up,

up in the upward call of Moshiach. If anyone is in Moshiach he is a new

creation, old things have passed away, everything is becoming new.

Your past is past, you don't have to live it down or be reminded of it,

and only unbelievers and carnal believers will remind you of it

—for Moshiach died to cancel your sinful past and to give you a future and a hope.

Pray this prayer:

God of Israel, thank You that Moshiach died for me, not only for the sin that I have done, but also for the rebellious sinner I am, a sinner in Adam's rebellious race, a rebel in a race of rebels, rebelling against You and your Word. Thank you that you paid the penalty of my rebellion, the penalty of eternal death, eternal separation from God. This you did to purchase my freedom from the old guilts that haunt me.

You died Adam's death to save me from the past that I could never have lived down. Let me always live in the light of your upward call. Amen.