

"Blotting Out The Handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His Cross;" Colossians 2:14 KJV



The stylus was one of the first tools devised strictly for writing. It was usually made from brass or hard wood. The modern pencil design was based on it. Wooden tablets would be coated with a thick layer of wax, and the stylus would be used to scribe words into the wax. Proceedings could be recorded quickly, which were later, more permanently, transcribed to stone or with ink to papyrus or sheepskin. After the transcription was copied, a hot iron would be held close and passed over the wax to smooth it, "blotting out the handwriting." The tablets would be reused again and again. Once blotted out, the words were gone forever and could never be restored. These tablets were used frequently to record court proceedings. The verdict would be recorded in wax and later transcribed. The Romans were adamant about accurate records. Paul was a Jew and a Roman. He understood the workings of both court systems, which is why he used this particular analogy to describe the work of our Saviour. Once forgiven, our sin is forgotten by the Holy Father of creation. Mortals may forgive, but they seldom forget wrongs and abuses. God forgets! The saint is viewed, by God, as clothed upon with the White Robe of the Righteousness of Jesus Christ upon repentance and Salvation. The record of ALL our sin is expunged and destroyed. Once confessed and repented of, each new sin is, with God, a "first offense." I may be tormented with it by Satan's whispers of accusation, but God has no knowledge of it, because it is forgotten! *"IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, He is Faithful and Just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness."* Satan can only accuse us to ourselves, because he no longer has access to the Throne Room of God. It reminds me of a chorus we used to sing as kids:

Gone, Gone, Gone, Gone! Yes, my sins are gone.
Now my soul is free, and in my heart's a song;
Buried in the deepest sea; Yes, that's good enough for me;
I shall live eternally, Praise God! My sins are **GONE!** ~Helen Griggs

The Blood of Jesus was the Final Atonement for the sin of man. It alone satisfied God's demand for sacrifice for sin. *"Without shedding of blood is no remission, so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us."* You cannot go east if going west. You must completely change direction. IF I stay focused on God's Word, Jesus Christ, the "Author and Finisher" of faith, I will be free of sin. The moment I turn away, I sin! But - *"we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, The Righteous,"* who constantly intercedes on our behalf before the "Throne of Grace...with groanings that cannot be uttered. For there is one God, and One Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus: Who gave Himself a Ransom for all." Without Jesus, The only time you will see God is when you are sentenced to a Godless eternity! *"And I saw a great White Throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose Face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And Death and Hell were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the Second Death."* Your sin is what separates you from God and unless blotted out by God, will separate you forever!

"But if we walk in the Light (obey God's Word), as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from ALL sin." 1 John 1:7 KJV