

Daily Devotional, March 16, 2021

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Peter writes here about one of the things that active love does. We are reminded here that the basis of the salvation of the Christian is the blood atonement, or covering, accomplished by Jesus Christ the Savior. In dying for us, the Son of God paid the penalty for all of the “**multitude of sins**” that we have committed, and if we appropriate that to ourselves by belief in faith, this payment is credited to us.

Our text also has a great many more life applications. It is taken from Proverbs 10:12, which reads in full: “**Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.**” What is this cancel culture that we see today but a manifestation of hate and strife? People want to throw the book at anyone who uses what is deemed ‘hate speech’ by the self-righteous mob of anti-constitutional troublemakers. What ever happened to the days of pulling someone aside who may have said or done something offensive? We used to do that, and how many times did we win the respect of our brother or sister! And how many times has grace and mercy been extended to you when you sinned against some other person? Was that not beautiful and restorative, even Christian? I cannot even keep track of all the buzzwords that you are not supposed to use today, nor does the list compiled by those who wish to divide others and exalt themselves concern me too much. It is enough to do the very best to be respectful of everyone, and even then, we are sure to offend somebody. Christian friend, do not join the ‘woke’ and ‘politically correct’ folks in seeking to shut down other people. Instead, join the ‘holy’ and ‘biblically correct’ folks and follow the advice of Peter, knowing that “**love will cover a multitude of sins.**” Grace and mercy are love in action. The cancel culture is hatred and strife in action. Don’t join your name to unholy causes of censuring others for slight and questionable offenses. Instead, join your name to the holy causes of blessing others for no reason at all other than to glorify God by the limiting of the spread of sin on the earth, and the covering of sins when oversight or gentle correction are more in order, which is almost always.