

## FORGIVENESS

Mt. 6:12

1. FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE FORGIVE OTHERS
  1. God forgives
  2. Man forgives man
  3. We forgive ourselves
  
2. WHOLE WORK OF REDEMPTION PREDICATED ON FORGIVENESS
  1. Neither do I condemn you...
  2. In death he forgave
  3. God for Christ's sake forgiven you...Eph. 4:32
  4. In whom we have redemption in his blood, even forgiveness of sins - Col. 1:14
  5. Basis of early church missionary outreach
  
3. FORGIVENESS MEANS THERE WAS BREAKING OF LAW
  1. Where there is no law, no offence
  2. Offence cannot be undone, must be forgiven
  3. Forgiveness always preceded by repentance
    1. Goodness of God leadeth to repentance
    2. Godly sorrow leadeth to repentance
    3. Requires, "I'm sorry"
  4. Deep-seated pride resists change of mind which admits we are wrong
  
4. FORGIVENESS AND PARDON
  1. Forgiveness is not pardon
  2. Pardon does nothing to remit guilt, but only the judgment

3. Forgiveness deals with sin; pardon the penalty
4. God has not pardoned us, but forgiven us
  1. Will not revoke penalty of His law
  2. Cannot set condemned man free
  3. Full penalty must be paid
  4. Jesus was made sin for us
5. Story of queen and servant girl
  1. I forgive you, but never want to see you again
  2. Return to your duties as though nothing had ever happened
6. Justification
  1. To be declared righteous in a legal sense
  2. Does not deal directly with character or conduct, but with guilt and punishment
  3. Stand in presence of God in innocence

#### 5. FORGIVING OURSELVES

1. The heavy load of guilt
2. God has forgiven, but can't forgive self
3. If don't forgive ourselves, every time persecution, think God is punishing us--think we deserve it
4. Healing of memories
  1. Memories can haunt
  2. Should serve as deterrents to future wrong doing
  3. Should remind us to praise and thank God for forgiveness

#### 6. FORGIVING OTHERS

1. How oft?
2. Mark 11:25-26
  1. When pray, forgive if have ought
  2. If do not forgive, heavenly father will not forgive

3. Parable of forgiven servant

7. I KNOW MY REDEEMER LIVETH