

# Forgiveness

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## Introduction

1. Matthew 6:12, 14-15; Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 18:21-22
2. For a Christian, forgiveness is easy to discuss, difficult to do, essential to do.
3. We are all in need of forgiveness Psalm 32:1
4. Forgiveness is equal to remission of sins Matthew 26:28; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:22
5. Let us study and implement into our lives three aspects of forgiveness

## II Discussion

1. Salvation is reliant upon forgiveness.
  - a. We must forgive others to have forgiveness Matthew 6:14-15
    - i. Illustrated by Matthew 18:21-35
  - b. Man taken in adultery 1 Corinthians 5;
    - i. It was sufficient punishment 2 Corinthians 2:6
    - ii. They were to comfort him lest he be swallowed back up 2 Corinthians 2:7
    - iii. They were to confirm their love to him again 2 Corinthians 2:8
    - iv. Paul forgave this man 2 Corinthians 2:10
    - v. We can not let Satan get advantage of us in this matter 2 Corinthian 2:11
  - c. I must forgive as I am forgiven Ephesians 4:32
2. The requirements of forgiveness.
  - a. Repentance a change of one's mind, change for the better
  - b. Repentance and remission are tied together Mark 1:4; Luke 24:47
  - c. The question is asked "Must I forgive someone even though they do not repent"
    - i. What did Jesus do – Luke 23:34
    - ii. What did Stephen do – Acts 7:60
    - iii. When was these sins not laid to their charge?
  - d. Confession is necessary Psalm 51:3-4; 1 John 1:9
3. The results of forgiveness.
  - a. Sins and iniquities will be remembered no more Jeremiah 31:34; Hebrews 8:12
  - b. Sins be removed as far as the east is from the west Psalm 103:12
  - c. Sins are blotted out Acts 3:19
  - d. Sins are covered Romans 4:7
  - e. Sins are not imputed Romans 4:8; 2 Corinthians 5:19

## III Conclusion

1. Are your sins remembered no more, removed, blotted out; covered and not imputed?
2. If not then you may have not met the requirements of forgiveness?
3. Why not meet the requirements and be reconciled to God this very day!

Sources: Studying sin seriously; Heart diseases and their cure by Wendell Winkler; Truth in Love publication of East Hill street in Pulaski TN; Old sermon preached; The Words of Truth 6<sup>th</sup> Ave in Jasper publication; PPP #5 by Paul Sain; Information from Wade Webster