

The Lord's Prayer – Part 3 “Forgive us our debts...”

Matthew 6:9–13

Matthew 6:12 and forgive us our debts,

1. To be forgiven by God is no _____ matter.

Exodus 34:6–7 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”

Colossians 2:13–14 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling (wiping out) the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Two Common Errors in the Confession of Sin:

- We behave like sin is _____.

Romans 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

1 John 1:10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

- We struggle to believe that our debts are _____ by Christ.

1 John 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Practical Confession of Sin:

A. Ask God to _____ sin.

He does this through our _____ and meditation on God’s Word –

Psalms 139:23–24 God, examine me and know my heart; test me and know my nervous thoughts. See if there is any bad thing in me. Lead me on the road to everlasting life.

He does this through _____

Galatians 6:1 Dear brothers and sisters, if another Christian is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.

He does this through our conscience and the _____ of the Holy Spirit

Psalms 32:3–5 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. 5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Next Steps for Growth:

I want to begin to follow Jesus today.

I want to be contacted by a pastor.

I want to be baptized.

I want to become a member.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Change my contact info

Mailing Address: _____

I am a: 1st time guest 2nd time guest Regular Attendee Member (taken membership class & committed to membership covenant)

B. Agree with God that your sin is wrong and _____ from it.

Romans 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body,

Proverbs 28:13–14 Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. 14 Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

...as we also have forgiven our debtors.

2. Forgiveness received from God is connected to forgiveness given _____.

Matthew 6:14–15 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

- Total Forgiveness, - RT Kendall

If we fail to forgive:

- **Our fellowship is _____ with the Father.**

1 John 1:6–7 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

- **We offer the devil an _____ to come into our life.**

Ephesians 4:26–27 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil.

- **We _____ the Holy Spirit.**

Ephesians 4:30–32 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Prayer Requests/Praise Items: __ Put this on the prayer chain.