

Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Sunday, August 1, 2021
Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew
Message 42. Forgive Us as We Forgive – Matthew 6:12, 14-15
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“Pray according to our obedience.” – CH Spurgeon

“Proof that we are forgiven is that we forgive.” – DM Lloyd-Jones

- I. Forgive Us – vs. 12
 - A. Forgive – to let go, release from an obligation
 - B. Types of Forgiveness
 - 1. Our Forgiveness at Justification (positional) – we are given full pardon at our conversion and yet we continue to sin until we are glorified and finally, completely redeemed – Jer. 31:34; Psa. 103:12; Rom. 4:5-8; Eph. 1:7; Col. 2:13
 - 2. Our Forgiveness throughout our Sanctification (relational) – 1 John 1:8-10; 2:1-2; Heb. 12:3-11
 - 3. Our Forgiveness of Others – Matt. 18:21-35
 - C. Daily
- II. Debts – vs. 12
 - A. Obligations Owed
 - 1. What is due – Rom. 3:23; 6:23
 - 2. Moral Failure in Relation to Others – Luke 17:3-4
 - B. If Left Unconfessed
 - 1. Loss of Joy – Psa. 51:12
 - 2. Guilt – Psa. 32:4-5
 - 3. Depression – Psa. 42:5; Rom. 14:23
 - a. Temperament
 - b. Physical Condition
 - c. Satan’s Accusations and Temptation
 - d. Unbelief – worry, fear, anxiety
 - 4. Loss of Fellowship – Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 1:10
- III. As We Forgive – vs. 12, 14-15
 - A. We Do Not Earn Forgiveness by Forgiving
 - B. If Our Heart is not Right with Others, it cannot be Right with God
 - C. If We Confess Our Sin – 1 John 1:5-10
 - 1. Fellowship, Light, and Darkness
 - 2. Deception and Confession
 - D. If We Sin – 1 John 2:1-11
 - 1. So that you may not sin!
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 - 3. Walk as He Walked
 - 4. You and Your Brother
- IV. In Christ, You Are Forgiven – 1 John 2:12

Cross References

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Jeremiah 31:34

34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

Psalms 103:12

12 As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Romans 4:5-8

5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, 6 just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: 7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; 8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin."

Ephesians 1:7

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

Colossians 2:13

13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

1 John 1:8-10

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

1 John 2:1-2

2 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Hebrews 12:3-11

3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. 4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. 5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6 For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who

corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Matthew 18:21-35

21 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. 23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 27 Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. 28 "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' 29 So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 30 And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. 31 So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. 32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' 34 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. 35 "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Romans 3:23

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Luke 17:3-4

3 Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. 4 And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

Psalms 51:12

12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

Psalms 32:4-5

4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah 5 I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

Psalm 42:5

5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance.

Romans 14:23

23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

Romans 16:17

17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

1 Corinthians 1:10

10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

1 John 1:5-10

5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and 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 Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

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1 John 2:12

12 I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.