

A Universal Need and A Universal Blessing

**How Are You
Addressing
Forgiveness?**

**Sunday school
teacher and lesson
on Forgiveness**

**What Do You Have
To Do To Be
Forgiven?**

SIN!

Forgiveness Highlighted!

Matthew 6:12 “Forgive us our debts as we have also forgiven our debtors.”

Matthew 6:14 “For if you forgive people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive people their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

Officer and Minister

Note on windshield

“Forgive us our trespasses.”

Ticket Note

“Lead us not into temptation.”

Forgiveness Highlighted!

Matthew 18:21-22 “...Peter came to Jesus and asked, Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister when they sin against me? Up to seven times?”

Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times.”

Wetzstein- Agnus Day comic strip

James Wetzstein

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Two Sheep= Rick and Ted

Rick= Dark-nosed, who is older, wiser, knows the Bible and is long-suffering

Ted= more tuned in to popular culture, is materialistic, is self-righteous and worries about being on the outs with Jesus

1st frame – Ted “I’m telling you, being on FACEBIBLE makes following Jesus easy.”

Rick – “I can’t imagine.”

2nd frame – Ted “Every time somebody does something wrong, I click on this “forgive” button next to their profile picture.”

(*490 times with the KJV plug-in installed)

3rd frame – Ted “If I click it more than 77 times* for anyone, FACEBIBLE automatically removes them from my “friends list.” I don’t even have to think about it!”

Rick - “Lord have mercy.” (11/09/06)

Forgiveness Highlighted

Luke 23:34 “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Acts 2:38 “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

John Chrysostom

“When humanity turned out ungrateful toward its benefactor, he thought us worthy of an even greater gift, forgiveness.”

Matthew 18:21-35

**What can we learn
from the parable of
the unmerciful
servant?**

Forgiveness starts with us as the forgiven!

“He paid a debt He did not owe. I owed a debt I could not pay. I needed someone to wash my sins away.”

Does God limit our sins that He will forgive to 77 or 490?

Can we do enough good and work it out to pay off and cancel all of our debt to God?

Forgiveness-Benefits and Blessings!

We are unable to settle our moral account with God!

God has great patience with us! (2 Peter 3:9)

God is a merciful God!

Our ledger book of sin has been wiped clean!

We have been given continual new life!

God's Forgiveness...

Builds a willingness to increasingly forgive others and to do so with humility and love rather than hostility, pride, and vengeance

Causes us not to set a limit on forgiveness

Lets the past be the past that has passed

Allows us freedom to live victoriously knowing our sin has been taken care of and that we do not have to let it hinder us

Motivates us to forgive ourselves

Instills a "have to" and "want to" mindset

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**HE paid a
debt!**

**AGNUS
DEI?**

John 1:29

**“Look, the Lamb of
God, who takes away
the sin of the world!”**