



**Forgiveness:
Us and Them
Matthew 6:12
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I. Meaning of Forgiveness

What kinds of situations bring the need for forgiveness?

What kind of effect does it have on us if we do not forgive?

What does Psalm 86:5 tell us about God? If we do not forgive, how would that impact our godliness?

Why is it less than helpful when we tell people that they need to forgive and forget? What does “forgetting” often communicate to them?

What does it mean to forgive?

Put Hebrews 8:12 into your own words. Why is this so important?

II. Forgive Us Our Debts

What does Romans 3:23 tell us about our lives? How does this relate to having a debt with God?

How do we fall short in our relationship to God in how we treat others?

What does Psalm 32:5 tell us about forgiveness? What does Isaiah 55:7 tell us about repentance?

What part does admitting our sin to others have in repentance? Why do we need to be wise in doing this?

How does 1 John 4:9 communicate we have been set free in Jesus?

III. Forgiving our Debtors

What does C.S. Lewis mean by, **“Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea until he has something to forgive”**? Why is forgiving others hard?

How do we have a selective memory in the area of being forgiven and forgiving others?

How does giving forgiveness release us from hurt and pain?

What does Colossians 3:12 and Ephesians 4:32 tell us?

Why is forgiveness not about fairness?

What is the meaning of Matthew 6:14-15? What does a lack of forgiveness tell us about our relationship to God?