

## ***FORGIVENESS*** – It's forever....

*Matthew 6:12*

“and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.”

So if sin is man's greatest problem – what is our greatest need? Forgiveness!

*Romans 10:9*

“if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

*Romans 8:1*

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus?”

*I John 1:8-9*

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

“Sin undermines our intimacy with Christ. Always has; always will. Our denial of it, indifference to it, or tolerance of it limits the depths to which we can know Him and the Father.”

*David Timms*

**Here's the reality – Forgiveness is seldom easy but always right!**

“Those who live by God's forgiveness must imitate it; one whose only hope is that God will not hold his faults against him forfeits his right to hold others' faults against them.”

*J.I. Packer*

**Forgiveness Frees Us**

- Anger and bitterness

*Ephesians 4:31-32*

“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

- Not forgiving binds us! (Chains) the weight, can be seen in our lives...  
when we don't forgive – we feed bitterness and anger and it weighs our lives down.  
God knows it and people see it....

**Does forgiving me forgetting?**

**Look at the Precursor**

- *Matthew 6:14-15*

“For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup> but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

God's grace is receiving what we don't deserve.  
God's grace is receiving forgiveness when we deserve death.  
We deserve punishment – but received a blessing.