

**June 5, 2022**

**Scripture: Matthew 6:14 -15**

**Title: Forgive Us Our Trespasses**

**Introduction:** Monkey see, monkey do. This philosophy can apply to our life as Christians. Jesus Christ did not only teach by words but by his life and deeds. Right after we pray for our daily bread, we ask God to forgive us our sins and that is the 6th petition in our sermon series on the Lord's prayer.

FORGIVENESS starts with receiving. You have to take in FORGIVENESS in order to RECEIVE it and pass it on to those who trespass against us.

**Purpose:** To help us move a step forward in how we understand and apply forgiveness.

The following are the three words to take into consideration when we pray the Lord's prayer:

I. Recognize Our Need for Forgiveness and receive it. First, a person has to want to be forgiven in order to receive our forgiveness, and we have to want forgiveness from God in order to receive it, too.

II. Release others of their sins.

Those who have received forgiveness want to release others of their sins. This is the only petition in this model of prayer that has condition. Verse 12, "and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us." NLT

We have heard the old saying, "Confession is good for the soul," but for the most part, we try to ignore its message.

In Matthew's Gospel, after he concludes his teaching on the Lord's Prayer, he goes on to say more about this particular part of the prayer. He says: "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins." (Matthew 6:14-15 NLT).

III. Retrieve not our sins that we have laid down at the foot of the cross of Jesus Christ.



A follower of Jesus does not keep falling into the cycle of returning to the sins of the past. Romans 10:13, "Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved." If you come to Jesus with genuine repentance and faith, He promises that He will save you. We can know Jesus has forgiven us because He simply says so in John 6:37.

"As a dog returns to its vomit, so also a fool repeats his foolishness." Proverbs 26:11 CSB

"...Let him who is without sin among you be the first to cast a stone at her." And again He bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard this, they began to go away one by one, beginning with the older ones, until only Jesus was left, with the woman standing there. Then Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are your accusers? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, Lord," she answered. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Now go and sin no more." (Jn 8:6-11 BSB)

**CONCLUSION:** Every time we pray the Lord's prayer, we are reminding ourselves to Recognize our need for forgiveness, Release others of their sins, and lastly, Retrieve not what you have laid down at the foot of the cross of Jesus Christ. Who wants to Receive forgiveness?

**Prayer:** Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I'm a sinner. I know that you died on the cross to take the punishment I deserve. Please give me faith to trust in you. I release these sins and trust you to make me clean. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.