

The Power of Forgiveness

Matthew 18

²¹ Then Peter came to Him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" ²² "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!" Matthew 18:21-22

³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:31-32

2 Things That Cripple and Poison and Imprisons Us---

and _____.

Guilt – Imprisons us and is a result of something we did.

Bitterness—Poisons us and is a reaction to something someone else did.

>**FORGIVENESS** frees us from both! Forgiveness frees 2 people!

Guilt— just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Bitterness— forgiving one another

>**FORGIVENESS** means "to pay the debt" (Ephesians 1:7)

Salvation is God immediately forgiving us our "debts" and then we must be quick to forgive others.

¹²And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Matthew 6:12

The Compelling Reasons for Forgiveness

>**Grace Factor**— *Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.* Ephesians 4:32

>**Guilt Factor**— ¹⁴ For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:
¹⁵ But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
Matthew 6:14-15 (KJV)

Matthew 18—Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you. James 2:13

>**Grief Factor**—*Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord. ¹⁵ Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.* Hebrews 12:14-15

>**Gain Factor**— ²³ "So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, ²⁴ leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

Matthew 5:23-24

The Effects of Unforgiveness

>It Disgraces Almighty God >It Discourages the Saints >It Drives away the Lost >It Delights the Devil

The Costly Requirements of Forgiveness

forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you

³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." Luke 23:34

- >**Forgive Freely** Matthew 18:15 "go to" 70 times 7 Garden of Eden
- >**Forgive Fully** We need forgiveness not apologies
- >**Forgive Finally** *"I—yes, I alone—will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again.* Isaiah 43:25
- >**Forgive Forcefully** *Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted.....* Ephesians 4:31

Results of Forgiveness

Freedom

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Joy

ANSWERS:

Bitter, Guilt

Financial Update

Total Weekly Budget
\$ 12,857.00

Weekly Offering
Received
February 26, 2017
\$ 6,403.40

DLBC-Student Ministry Spirit Night At

We will get 15%
of your order

SONNY'S
BBQ

LOCAL
PITMASTERS
SINCE 68

1024 Saxon Blvd
Orange City

All Day- Monday, March 6th

Bring your family and friends for a
delicious BBQ dinner at Sonny's BBQ.

Let them know before you order you are supporting
DLBC-Student Ministry Spirit Night



is inviting you to join us
for our next luncheon on
Tuesday, March 14th at 11:30
in the Fellowship Hall

We will be serving ham, so please bring sides
or desserts to compliment our meal.



This month, Dane Bailey,
the Singing Auctioneer, will
be here to entertain us.

Sunday, March 19th

Sign-up at info@deltonalakes.org
or call 386-789-2400



BAPTISM

GOING PUBLIC WITH YOUR FAITH



- Have made a recent (Youth service, church service, etc.) commitment to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and have not yet been baptized.
- Were baptized as an infant/child but did not realize the spiritual significance at the time.
- Have been “putting it off” because of fear or misunderstanding (Remember: “*God did not give us the spirit of fear.*” **2 Tim. 1:7**)
- Have recently completed The New Members class and realize that you were never “scripturally” baptized.

If interested, please fill out the form below and turn into the offering plate.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Age _____

Parent's name (if under 16) _____

For more information, please email us at info@deltonalakes.org