

## Forgive, as You Have Been Forgiven Part Three- Matthew 18:21-35

Main Point: Never refuse to extend or receive forgiveness.

Point One: God can forgive even the \_\_\_\_\_ debt.

Poor excuses for not receiving God's forgiveness:

1. We think, "I'll work off my debt!"
2. We think, "My debt is too big to be forgiven."
3. We have a hard time forgiving ourselves, making it hard to receive God's forgiveness.

*God extends lavish grace in forgiving us!*

Point Two: Forgiveness is a \_\_\_\_\_ of a disciple.

### Key Points of Forgiveness

- We have an enormous, unpayable debt to God for all our sin.
- God has amazing amounts of compassion and forgiveness!
- Since so much mercy and forgiveness have been extended to us, we must be liberal in extending it to others.
- There is judgment for those unwilling to truly forgive from the heart.

**Point Three:** Forgiveness has \_\_\_\_\_ limits!

“Then Peter came up and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, *‘I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.’*”

Matthew 18:21-22

### **How do I receive forgiveness?**

1. Confess your sin to God- He will forgive you.  
(1 John 1:9)
2. Repent of your wrong- which is far more than simply saying, “I’m sorry”. Repentance is a 180 degree turn, a complete change of actions so that every effort is made not to repeat the same sin.  
(See Psalm 51)
- 3.

**This is the same process for asking for forgiveness!**

**Conclusion:** As mercy, compassion and forgiveness have been extended to you, go and extend it to others.

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