

FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS

Matthew 6:12

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“Forgiveness is remission of due penalties, the obliteration of incurred guilt, the withdrawal of just displeasure, the blotting out of accusing handwriting, the burying all offences in oblivion, the hushing of the loud thunder of the law, the canceling of its tremendous curse, the consigning to a sheath the sword of justice. It is the frown of Jehovah softening into eternal smiles. It encounters sin, and strips it of its destroying power.” -- Henry Law

I. The Request

1. Forgive me totally
2. Wash me continually

II. The Requirement

1. Forgiveness

1. Our fellowship with the Father is blocked.
2. The Holy Spirit is grieved. ([Eph 4:30](#))
3. Our prayers will be hindered. ([Ps 66:18](#))
4. God lets us face problems in our own power. ([He 12:5-1](#))
5. The devil potentially gains a foothold. ([Ep 4:27](#))
6. We force God to become our enemy.
7. We lose the blessing of God on our life.
8. We waste time nursing a wounded spirit.
9. We become enslaved to the people you hate. ([Jn 8:31](#))
10. We become like those we refuse to forgive.

2. Following

III. The Reward

Confidence

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Freedom