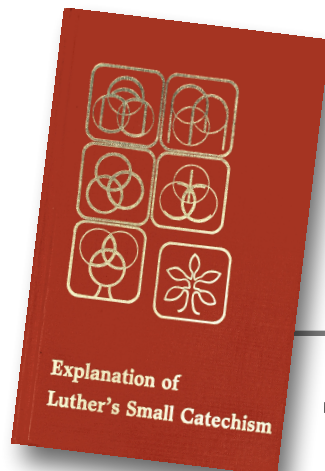


HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a



Talking about The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors. What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our heavenly Father would not look upon our sins nor deny our prayers because of them, for we neither merit nor are worthy of those things for which we pray. However, we pray that He would grant us all things through His grace, even though we daily sin and deserve nothing but punishment. And certainly, on our part, we will gladly forgive and cheerfully do good to those who may sin against us.

312 For whose sake does God forgive your sin?

God forgives me, not for my sake because I ask in the right way, but for Jesus' sake, who died for me and rose again and who is now in the presence of the Father praying for me.

Ephesians 1:7 "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace..."

Hebrews 7:25 "Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."

313 What does Jesus say is necessary in order for you to be forgiven?

Jesus says that in order for me to be forgiven, it is necessary for me to forgive anyone who sins against me.

Luke 6:37c "...forgive, and you will be forgiven..."

Matthew 6:15 "...but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

314 How many times should you forgive someone?

I should remember that Jesus said there is no limit to the number of times I forgive others.

Matthew 18:21-22 "Then Peter came up and said to him, '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-seven times.'"

315 Once you have received God's grace, must you continue to ask God for forgiveness?

Yes, since I sin daily because of my human weakness, I need to be forgiven daily.

1 John 1:7-9 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

