

**Seven Lakes Baptist Church
Adult Sunday School
Fall/Winter 2022/23**

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Lesson #11

Praise & Prayer Requests:

Verse of the Month (Nov.): *Romans 1:16 (NIV) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

Review: *Please ask questions*****

- **What is this class about?** We are all counselors! This class is designed to address a variety of theological/doctrinal truths with the hope of gaining confidence in giving biblical self-counsel and counsel to others.
- **Last week's topic** – What is the Trinity and how does understanding it better affect our lives and walk with Jesus?
- **Discussion:** Share a time in your life where it was difficult to forgive someone who wronged you. What was it difficult?

Today's Lesson Objective: Define biblical forgiveness and look specifically at the Gospels to understand what Jesus taught about it.

There is more teaching in the epistles but again we will be looking specifically at what Jesus taught.

1. Define Terms:

“The New Testament, specifically in the four Gospels, most commonly expresses the act of forgiving with three words:

aphiēmi -

poluō -

aphesis -

Forgive/Forgiven/Forgiveness Defined - "...the _____, on the part of the _____ or _____ party, of _____ expectation that a debt will be _____ or that an offender will receive _____ for an offense.

Basically, the one wronged person is releasing the wrong doer from ever having the sin held against him for any reason, ever again. Its like the offended sets the issue down on the ground and walks away from it, never going back to pick it up to show it to the offender.

Note*** When describing the removal of an inappropriate offense in this way, the removal does not condone the behavior or suggest approval for the offense.

2. The work of God as our example:

Hebrews 8:8-12 –

Psalms 103:11-12 –

Isaiah 43: ~~10~~ ~~20~~ 25

This forgiveness requires _____, _____ and _____.

3. Forgiveness from God:

Faith & Confession Examples -

Matt 9:1-8, Mark 2:1-12, Luke 5:17-25 –

Luke 7:36-50 –

Repentance Example –

Mark 4:10-12

For our Fellowship with God –

1 John 1:5-10

4. Why we should Forgive:

Matthew 18:23-35 –

Matthew 6:14-15 –

Psalms 32:1-3 –

Matthew 18:21-22 –

Luke 17:3-4 –

Matthew 6:12 –

So what about you?