

**IF MY SINS ARE FORGIVEN, WHY SEEK FORGIVENESS?
Matthew 6:12**

"and forgive us our debts"

1. We still sin

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8)

2. Sin grows

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. (James 1:14-15)

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; (Hebrews 12:15)

3. Confession is the key to dealing with sin

*Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. (Proverbs 28:13)*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)