

## Confession shuts the mouth of hell, and opens the gate of paradise. Augustine

Those who live by God's forgiveness must imitate it; one whose only hope is that God will not hold his faults against him forfeits his right to hold others' faults against them.

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- I. Prayer for our souls as well as our bodies
  - A. Need God for our daily forgiveness

"There are many who say, 'Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your countenance, O Lord!'"

Psalm 4:6

- B. Need everything from the hand of God Psalm 17:14-15
- II. "Forgive us our debts"

A. Indebted to God

- B. No ability to pay Matthew 18:23-25 Romans 3:19-20
- C. Forgiveness in Jesus John 13:3-11
- III. "As we forgive our debtors"
  - A. The parable of the unforgiving servant Matthew 18:21-35
  - C. Prayer life connected with the rest of life
- IV. Forgiveness in Jesus

We can only forgive others in Christ! We are only forgiven in Christ!

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

John 15:5