

- I. We *owe*
- A. We *owe* *God*
 Matt 18:21-26; Rom 3:23;
 Rom 5:14; Gal 6:1;
 I John 3:4; Titus 2:12;
 John 16:8
- B. We *owe* each *other*
 Matt 18:28a; Eph 4:31;
 Heb 12:15
- II. There's only *one* *way* out of *debt*:
forgiveness
- A. Only *God* can *forgive* what
 we *owe* Him
 Ezek 7:19; Zeph 1:18;
 Ps 51:4; I Cor 5:21;
 I John 2:2; Rom 5:8;
 Gal 1:3-4; Heb 7:27b;
 Heb 9:28
- B. We can *forgive* what others
owe us
 Ex 34:6-7a; Num 14:19-23
- III. God's *forgiveness* of our *debts* and
 our *forgiveness* of other people's *debts*
 are *connected*
- A. First, God *forgives* us and we
 become His *children*
 Acts 2:38; 3:19; 10:34-43;
 Acts 12:38-39; John 1:12;
 Rom 5:8; John 3:16; 5:24;
 Jer 31:34b; Ps 103:12;
 Heb 8:12; 13:5b;
 John 6:37
- B. Then, we, the *forgiven*,
forgive others
 I Pet 3:7; 4:8;
 Luke 23:34; Col 3:12-14;
 Eph 4:31-32
- C. When we don't *forgive* others,
 our *communion* with God is
broken
 I John 1:5-9; Ps 66:18

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 - C. What does Jesus mean that God won’t forgive us? (What are the consequences of that?)
 - D. Does God “unforgive”?
 - E. Is God’s forgiveness conditional? Is ours?
 - F. Just who is praying this prayer?
 - G. When God forgives me for what I did to you, do I still owe you?
 - H. When God forgives you for what you did to me, do you still owe me?
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