

## Learning to Forgive, Part 2

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### I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Matthew 18:21-35, Romans 6-7.
- B. We are spiritually like little children and there are certain things we are to understand.
- C. We are to forgive like children. (Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 6)

### II. If a Christian does not forgive others, God will chasten him. (Hebrews 12:34)

- A. The kingdom of heaven is the sphere of God's rule on earth through grace and salvation.
- B. God will take account, which is a temporal accounting. God calls men to give an account for their lives periodically. (Romans 1, John 16, Romans 7, Exodus 38:24, Daniel 7:10)
- C. A person comes to the accounting time of God so that he can see the exceeding sinfulness of sin. This is a critical element to salvation. (Romans 7:13)
- D. We receive God's forgiveness when we are broken over our sin.

### III. Conclusion. (Luke 15:17, Luke 7)

#### **Application questions:**

1. How can believers be called to accounting when their sin debt is paid through Christ?

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2. Why is it so important to come to the end of ourselves in realizing our sin?

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3. How can a person's unwillingness to forgive demonstrate his own personal sin before God? Explain.

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