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As We Have Forgiven

...By Pastor Phil

How many times have you asked God to forgive you of some sin you have committed? How many times has God forgiven you of those sins? Most of us believe that God will forgive us of our sins if we ask. The Bible says He not only forgives, but keeps no record of our sins. Most of us have no problem with God's forgiveness, but when it comes to us forgiving someone else, we sometimes have a huge problem.

We want **Total Forgiveness from God**, but we are not willing to give Total Forgiveness toward others. Have you been wronged by someone and not forgiven them? Look at what Matthew 6:14-15 says: "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins."

This sounds like forgiveness is not optional for Christians. These passages come right after the passages we call the "Lord's Prayer" when Jesus was asked to teach us how to pray. I think it is interesting that he only elaborated on verse 12, "and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.". Jesus thought forgiveness was important enough to explain it further. I think that is because he knew how hard it would be for us to forgive our fellow man.

Jesus knew everything about forgiveness...He died so our sins could be forgiven. When you think about it,

forgiveness is what the Christian faith is all about. If you don't want or need forgiveness, then you don't want or need a Savior who died to forgive your sins. If you don't need a Savior, then you don't need Jesus Christ. Without Jesus there is no gospel and without "the good news" that Jesus died for our sins, there is no Christianity.

As Christians, we do need the gospel and we do need a Savior that died that we may be forgiven. As Christians we need to forgive those who have wronged us because God forgave us and He says we must forgive them. Remember when Peter asked Jesus about forgiveness? We find it in Matthew 18:21. "Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone^[a] who sins against me? Seven times?" "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!"

Jesus gave up His life so God could totally forgive me of my sins. How hard is it for me to forgive my fellow man of his sins? Ask Jesus to give you the power to totally forgive today so that we may live at peace with one another and with our Loving and Forgiving Heavenly Father.

The Compassion ministry is anxious to start, but will have to delay with all that is happening with the corona virus. Visits will begin once the city releases the restrictions on movement, etc. JoNell will be sending cards to all our homebound and asks you to continue to pray for them during this time. If you are homebound, and need assistance, please call the office, 210-344-6273 or JoNell at 210-818-4646.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH ... FROM CYNDI SANCHEZ

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

I hope everybody is enjoying this time and getting closer to God and family. Please remember in these times that God is in control.

Psalms 91:9-11 states, "If you say, 'The Lord is my refuge,' and you make the Most High your dwelling, 10 no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. 11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."



I would like to thank you all very much for your support with our fundraisers. We will be re-scheduling the BAKE SALE as soon as normal activities resume.

We were not able to have our first VBS meeting that was scheduled in March due to COVID-19 closures... so we hope to have a planning meeting on April 19, 2020, after church.

VBS is the week of June 15- June 19, 2020, and we are still in need of volunteers. I hope the Holy Spirit eggs you on to be a volunteer this summer. Please contact me, Cyndi Sanchez, at 210-518-8439 or the office at 210-344-6273 if you have any questions.

I would like to express immense gratitude to Billie and Rebecca for all of their hard work leading the children in song. In addition, I would like to congratulate the kids for a job well done.

My verse for the month is Matthew 4:17- "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Thank you all for your constant love and support. Have a blessed day!

DELLVIEW STAFF

Phil Risley, Pastor
Billie Schneider, Music
Cyndi Sanchez, Youth, Children
Debra Trull, Office Manager
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Lucy Herrera, MDO Director
Jimmy Onion, Deacon Chairman

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be sure to check out all the announcements for the month on the tv in the foyer. Take a minute before or after church to find out what's going on at DBC.

Church Calendar available 24/7
dellviewbaptistchurch.org
Like us on FACEBOOK!
Listen to Pastor Phil's Podcast
at dbctexas.podbean.com

Thanks to all who took time to have their picture taken for the 2020 Directory.

IT IS READY -- BUT UNFORTUNATELY YOU'RE NOT HERE TO PICK IT UP!

If you'd like us to mail you a copy, let me know and I'll try to mail you a copy.

The directory cost the church about \$2 per directory to print so if you feel so inclined, feel free to make a small offering to help defray the cost of printing.
Postage to mail = \$2.00 extra

THE 2020 DIRECTORY IS NOW READY FOR PICKUP!



MUSIC MATTERS ... Billie Schneider



With all the panic, confusion, anxiety and turmoil we've all experienced in the last few weeks, perhaps you have said or heard someone say, "I'm having one of those days." Probably a lot of people are feeling that way with their comfort zone invaded, and regular schedule and activities in disarray.

Life can get pretty mixed up in the best of times. I read somewhere that the Bible has 365 separate places where God tells us not to fear, one for each day of the year. One of my favorites would have to be Jesus' own words, "*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you...Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*" (John 14:27, KJV)

People of faith have the Creator of the universe to lean on when the going gets tough. Not only are we not to be afraid, we shouldn't even be troubled by what the world holds in store. The next time you feel one of "those days" coming on, you might want to YouTube Ivan Parker singing **I'm Having One of Those Days:**

When I woke up this morning, the first thing that I saw, was the sun shining down on me
I had a song in my heart and peace in my mind, I felt blessed from my head to my feet
I've been smiling all day long, and I'm rejoicing in my soul
I can't explain how I feel, I guess it's better felt than told

Chorus

I'm having one of those days where I want to praise the Lord
Having one of those days, where my heart is filled with joy
I wanna tell of His goodness, I've just got to testify
How he brought me out of darkness, into His holy Light
Well I feel like I could walk on water, I've got a mountain moving faith
So you'll just have to overlook me Cause I'm having, one of those days



Dellview's Sharing Library Check it out ...

Thanks to some recent donations, we have purchased and installed a new Sharing Library --- similar to the Little Free Libraries.

You are welcome to check it out and grab a book. You can keep the book or cd or share it with others or return it. You can bring other books to share! Maybe it's time to clean up the bookshelves! Kids books are especially welcome. We're excited about our new addition to the playground area!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mary Onion
- 4 Cindy Neal
- 8 Addy Rios
- 13 Barbara Rittiman
- 14 Andrew Herrera
- 15 Cory Lundschen
- 18 Sandra Sutton
- 19 Isabel Onion
- 19 Jessica Rios
- 21 April Fernandez
- 24 Jay Lundschen
- 28 Alice Wagner

Thanks to everyone who has mailed their tithe/offering to the church during this time. Bills still need to be paid and we could not continue without YOU! You can also send your tithe through your bank bill pay system.