

And Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us

August 12, 2018 – Ephesians 4:30-5:2

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with Whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up FOR US as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

The Lord’s Prayer as given to us by the Lord Jesus is recorded in **Matthew 6:9-15 & Lk. 11:1-4**. It begins plain and simple – *OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN*. As you continued through the Lord’s Prayer you come to the portion which states: (The 5th Petition)

“And Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

- Forgive us our sins and we forgive those who sin against us.
- Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Have you forgiven everyone who has ever wronged you or who you think wronged you? Have you forgiven them all? If you have not, then why should God forgive you? Isn’t that what it says? And Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

We are asking Our Father Who art in heaven. God the Creator of the universe to forgive me, as I forgive those who sin against me!!! If we are honest, we will have to admit that we have not forgiven everyone, all the time as perfectly as God has and as God demands!

The Apostle Paul discusses the same point in this text as the Lord does in the 5th Petition of the Lord’s Prayer.

Vs. 32 – Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

5:1 – Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children

The truth is; we do not deserve God’s forgiveness, not by any merit of our own! And that is the MAIN POINT. We do not and cannot earn God’s Forgiveness!!! Yet God – In Christ has forgiven us.

Vs. 2 – Christ loved us and gave Himself up FOR US as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Lord Jesus Covered our stinky smelly Sin with His fragrant, sweet smelling aroma of His Sacrifice by living a perfect life in our place, by forgiving everyone, all the time, and then by Sacrificing Himself on the cross of Calvary.

Christ’s life of obedience was a Sacrifice for us. Jesus sacrificed the comforts of heaven and walked upon the earth taking on flesh and blood as our substitute. When we do not forgive others as Christ has forgiven us, we grieve the Holy Spirit. But that same Holy Spirit has sealed us by placing His Mark of Faith on our heart. Faith in Jesus.

It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that we are thus ENABLED to:

Vs. 31 - Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

Vs. 32 – Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

It is by the Power of the Holy Spirit Who lives in our hearts by Faith, that we are ENABLED to:

5:1 – Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children.

- μιμηται = imitators – Mimic – copy in speech, expression, gesture. to Mime

It is by the Power of the Holy Spirit Who lives in our hearts by Faith, that we are ENABLED to:

Vs. 2 – live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up FOR US as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. AMEN

FOR FURTHER STUDY:

Vs. 30 – And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with Whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

- λυττειτε - to grieve – Sad – sorrowful – distressed – insult – offend – irritate

- εσφραισθητε - seal – secure a tomb – mark – identify – attest – certify – power from heaven

Vs. 31 - Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

Vs. 32 – Be kind and compassionate to one another, **forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**

- εχαρισατο - Forgiven – give freely, a favor, graciously remit – to pardon

5:1 – Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children

- μιμηται - imitators – Mimic – copy in speech, expression, gesture. To Mime

Ancient Greek drama = To Mime.

Vs. 2 – and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up FOR US as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

- οσμην - pleasant odor – fragrance of ointment

- ευωδιασ - Aroma