

# Forgiveness

***Mathew 18:21-27***

# What is Forgiveness?

- Forgiveness:
  - Pardon for a fault or offense
  - Excuse from payment for a debt owed

# Seen in the Old Covenant

- God's dealings with Israel.
  - *Exo 34:6-7*
- Sacrificial System.
  - *Lev. 4:20,26,28,31*
- God would forgive the nation.
  - *Cf. Dan 9:9, 19*

# Seen in the New Covenant

- Prophesied by Jeremiah.
  - *Jer 31:31-34*
- The New Covenant brought forgiveness.
  - *Heb 8:6-13*
- Perfect sacrifice, Jesus the Christ.
  - *Heb 10:4-10*
  - *Eph 1:7; 1 John 1:7-10*

# Seen in God's Mercy and Justice

- God's justice holds us accountable.
  - *Matt 12:36; Rom 14:12; Heb 4:13; 1 Pet 4:5*
- God's mercy made forgiveness possible.
  - *Eph 2:4-6; 1 Pet 1:3-5; Titus 3:5*
  - *1 Pet 2:9-10*

# A Standard for the Faithful

- Just as God has forgiven us, so too must we be willing to forgive others.
  - *Matt 6:14-15*
  - *Luke 17:3-4*
  - *Col 3:12-14*