

“The Gospel According to Luke: Lord Teach us to Pray” (Part 4)
Luke 11:1-13

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.” (Ephesians 1:7). “He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” (Colossians 1:13-14). “And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.” (Colossians 2:13-14).

- Defining terms:
 - **Reconciliation:** The process of two previously alienated parties coming to peace with each other. Because God has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, we can reconcile with each other, no longer counting our offenses against each other.
 - **Forgiveness:** Is not an emotion, it is an act of the will. Forgiveness is the decision to no longer hold an offense against a person, both inwardly and practically. Christians extend a forgiveness that reflects the forgiveness we have received. Forgiveness desires reconciliation.
 - **Sin:** Missing the mark of God’s standard; not doing what I should have done or doing what I shouldn’t have done.
 - **Trespass:** To intentionally do what I shouldn’t. To cross a line, knowing it is wrong but have no care or concern about crossing it.
 - **Iniquity:** To sin or trespass and continue on in the sin by sinning more and more without any desire for repentance.
- Psalm 103:8-14 —
 - An appeal to our hearts:
 - *“The LORD is merciful and gracious....abounding in steadfast love....the LORD shows compassion....nor will He keep His anger forever.”*
 - An appeal to our mind:
 - *“He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities....He removed our transgressions far from us....He knows our frame, He remembers that we are dust.”*
- Isaiah 53:4-6 —
 - An appeal to our hearts:
 - *“He has borne our griefs....He has carried our sorrows....for our transgressions....brought us peace”.*
 - An appeal to our mind:
 - *“He was pierced, He was crushed, He was chastised. We have gone astray, we have turned to our own way.”*
- Practical Forgiveness:
 - Forgiveness is always costly, but never more than Christ has paid.
 - Forgiveness is not always a “one time event.” Depending on the severity of the offense, we may need to keep asking for the grace to forgive.
 - Forgiveness does not mean that there are no temporal consequences for our sins.
 - Meaningful reconciliation requires:
 - Genuine repentance.
 - Humble acceptance of the consequences of our actions.
 - A genuine desire to fight for healthy fellowship by both parties.

Worship: Psalm 18 — Citizens

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer — Sovereign Grace Music

Jesus Strong and Kind — CityAlight

Closing Song: Turn Your Eyes — Sovereign Grace Music

Service Times: Sundays: Sunday School 9/Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30p/Men 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

Account Balance: \$79,835.91 March Balance: \$73,469.66	Weekly Budget: \$3,471 Monthly Budget: \$15,043
Total Giving: April 6	\$1,975
Total Giving: April 13	\$7,335
Total Giving: April 20	\$2,286
Total Giving: April 27	\$2,217
Total Giving for April:	\$13,813

Announcements:

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch TODAY, immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer is THIS Tuesday, May 6th, from 7-8pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full hour of prayer.

★★We encourage you to see the May Newsletter for all of the important announcements throughout this month!