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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS”:

Sermon notes from 7/2/06

Matthew 6:5-15

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Text

⁵ "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

⁶But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us today our daily bread. ¹²Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' ¹⁴ For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Message

- I. We receive forgiveness for our debts**
- II. We receive forgiveness by his grace**
- III. We receive forgiveness so that we can forgive**

Application

Please consider the following questions as you seek the Holy Spirit's direction from this sermon:

1. When was the last time you contemplated the depths of your sin? Take some time to reflect upon your need for forgiveness—where have you failed God?
2. How frequently do you renew your repentance? How deeply do you understand the cost that God paid for your sins?
3. Where in your life do you need to extend that grace you have received, that is, who do you need to forgive as God forgave you in Christ?