

FORGIVENESS: OUR MODEL

Brief Lenten series on Forgiveness - #3

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Text: Luke 23:34 – “*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do...*”

THE REVIEW...

Q. – “When do we forgive others?” **Answer:** “*When we strive against all thoughts of revenge; when we will not do our enemies mischief, but wish well to them, grieve at their calamities, pray for them, seek reconciliation with them, and show ourselves ready on all occasions to relieve them.*” (Thomas Watson, *Body of Divinity*, p. 581)

Q. – How can we forgive?

Q. – Why does it matter?

Q. – What happens when we do?

THE REMINDER (WHY FORGIVENESS IS CRUCIAL)....

THE RELATED BENEFITS OF FORGIVENESS IN ACTION...

- FORGIVENESS EXTINGUISHES A SPIRIT OF P_____.
- MERCY IS MADE V_____ WHEN FORGIVENESS IS DISPLAYED.
- FORGIVENESS RESTORES J_____!!
- FORGIVENESS AFFIRMS T_____
L_____
- FORGIVENESS R_____ FELLOWSHIP
- FORGIVENESS FRUSTRATES S_____

THE REGAL EXAMPLE OF FORGIVENESS – CHRIST!!

What completes the mission of forgiveness; what gives it substance and authenticity and irrevocable status from a Godhead perspective is ***THE RESURRECTION.***

THE RESPONSE TO BEING FORGIVEN....