

WHAT JESUS BELIEVED ABOUT FORGIVENESS

I. He Has the Power To Do It

A. As predicted by Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, Luke 1:77.

B. As proved by Christ's healing the paralytic, Mark 2:10.

C. As performed for the woman in Simon's house, Luke 7:48.

II. He Paid the Price To Do It

A. His prediction of it, Matt. 20:28

B. His payment of it, John 19:30--"paid in full."

III. He Commands Us To Do It To One Another

A. The danger of not doing it, Matt. 5:21-26

B. The frequency of doing it, Matt. 18:21-35; Luke 17:3-4. 12,000,000 ounces vs. 100 days' wages.

C. The importance of doing it for our family relationships, Matt. 6:12-15.

D. The Importance of doing for our prayers, Mark 11:24-25.

IV. He Commands Us To Proclaim Forgiveness To All, Luke 24:47

Some questions

1. What does it mean that God remembers sin no more (Jer. 31:34--see Luke 23:42)?

2. Must we forget a wrong in order to forgive the one who wronged us?

3. Does forgiveness of sin erase the consequences of sin?

Matt. 6:12: "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."