

SERMON SUMMARY

Name: _____

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Matthew 18:21-35

September 13, 2020

When someone does you wrong, he is _____ to you until you release him from that debt by _____ him.

The Jewish tradition was to _____ a debt only on condition,

But what Jesus says is shocking: forgive the _____ sin “seventy times seven”

Jesus pays the debt of our sin with His _____.

When someone does not forgive another, it shows that she or he _____ really received God’s forgiveness in the first place, because those who are forgiven naturally _____ others

God holds no conditions on absolution. He _____ forgives us.

Likewise, the Christian response to our Lord’s deeds is to forgive others _____.

I know it’s often difficult to forgive, yet the remarkable thing about Jesus is that He forgives us even for the times we do not _____ forgive others.

God gives you the _____ and ability to forgive.

God does not forgive us because we forgive others, as if our forgiving will _____ God’s forgiveness.

Instead, our forgiving is the indication, sign, fruit, and _____ that we ourselves have been forgiven,

Our forgiving is evidence of our _____ in Christ, that we have been forgiven.

But when we see all that we have been forgiven, it is a lot easier to forgive others and _____ for their conversion.

You notice, however, that before Joseph forgives his brothers, he wants them to see the _____ they have done, so they know they need forgiveness.

So it is with us. The old Adam does not concern itself with _____, does not fear the wrath of God.

And then the _____ cancels our debt, frees us from our sins, and lifts us out of the guilty seat, giving us a place in the mercy seat.

In Baptism, Jesus stamps “_____” on our debt.

Because of Jesus, God has removed our transgressions “as far as the _____ is from the west” (Psalm 103:12).

Questions

1. How many times are we to forgive someone who sins against us?
2. Jesus tells a parable. Jesus tells about a king/master, who is this person? Jesus also mentions a servant, who is the servant? In the parable the servant had a debt, what is the debt you have?
3. Do you earn your forgiveness by forgiving others? What does your forgiving others tell about you?
4. Any questions or comments about this sermon?