

Week 8 Questions

Petition 5

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

1. This petition repeats *Matt. 6:14*, "For if you forgive..." What does "forgive" mean?
2. What are these trespasses/debts? *Rom. 13:7*, pay what you owe
3. Hence, to whom do we owe these debts?
4. When do we know we have forgiven others?
5. Is the petition then really about mercy? (*James 2:13*)
6. Is it impossible to live without sins or debts? (*1 John 1:8*)
7. What is the corresponding sin of those who will not forgive? Unforgiving servant *Matt. 18:23-35*
8. We owe Wycliffe for the "debts" and "debtors"—who are our debtors? Neighbors?
9. Calvin asked: what we could do to earn or merit this forgiveness?
10. Luther asked: do we deserve forgiveness, and what does it give us?