

Series: God's Answer to Your Needs – Part 5  
Scripture: Matthew 6:12  
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### GETTING RID OF GUILT

"This is how you should pray, 'Forgive us our debts'" Matt. 6:12

How does God forgive? He forgives four ways...

#### 1. GOD FORGIVES

Nehemiah 9:17 (Living Bible) "You are a God of forgiveness always ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, full of love."

Luke 5:24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...

Ephesians 1:7 In him [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, **the forgiveness of sins** in accordance with the riches of his God's grace which he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

#### 2. GOD FORGIVES

Colossians 2:13-14 When you were dead in your sins... God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the written code...that was against us, he took it away nailing it to the cross."

Psalms 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Jeremiah 31:34 (Living Bible) "I, the Lord, will forgive and forget their sins."

#### 3. GOD FORGIVES

Matthew 18:21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy seven times."

#### 4. GOD FORGIVES

Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his ways and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Romans 3:23-24 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (Good News) "For it is by God's grace that you have been saved, through faith. It is not your own doing but God's gift. There is nothing to boast of, since it is not the result of your own effort."

#### HOW TO BE FORGIVEN

There are some things you don't do.

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#### What must I do?

\_\_\_\_\_ of your sinful life and turn to God!  
Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord

\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ by faith!  
John 1:12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God"

Romans 8:1 There is no condemnation for those who live in union with Christ Jesus.