

A Great Day in the Kingdom – 2/28/25

Has forgiveness ever been difficult for you? We are inundated with the word in Christendom. Why is forgiveness so important to Christians? Jesus mentioned forgiveness over 100 times in our scripture. Of course, our Savior who came to save us, for the forgiveness of sins, is well credentialed in this area of theological bent. Because He came for the forgiveness of sins offered to all of human-kind, we are saved by God's Grace and Sacrifice.

Peter was the most inquisitive of the Disciples. In **Matthew 18:21-22**, we see him asking Jesus, "Lord, if another person sins against me, how often should I forgive?" Jesus' response is, "seventy times seven times." Jesus, at this point, is describing an extravagant number. Anything more than 20 will seem so. Peter does not yet know that he is soon to use up three.

Humans are good at holding grudges. We can quickly refer to a time when someone has trespassed against us. However, the Lord's Prayer does not cut us any slack. We will forgive those as we have been forgiven. This is not an option. Holding a grudge? Stop it! Yes, Stop and let go. Give it to God! He can change your heart. Just as God, through Christ forgives us, we must forgive in kind.

Have a Blessed Week, Church!!!

Love to You All!!!

Pastor Joel

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help me to forgive. Help me to give Grace as I have received it. Lead me into Your Way and Your Will. I Pray these things in the name of the Risen Christ Jesus!!! AMEN!!!