

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

Purchased Debt

Have you ever had your debt purchased? That sounds like such a bizarre concept, but it happens all of the time.

Such a thing has happened to me many times already. I used to be a part of a credit union that was purchased by another bank. I received a letter in the mail that basically explained that I now owed money to a different institution. The same thing happened with my college student loans. If I recall correctly, that debt was purchased by a few different banks before I finally paid off the debt.

This concept of purchasing another's debt is also a biblical concept, but in more ways than one, and none financial.

We often sing about Jesus paying our debts, meaning, every sinner owes a debt for their sin, but has no means to pay that debt, therefore, God sent Jesus to pay the debt that we could never pay. That's the gospel, or the good news.

But there's another teaching regarding God's forgiveness of our debt. This lesser talked about teaching is in regards to God's expectations of us *because* He has forgiven our debt.

Jesus taught in Matthew 18:33 - ³³ ***Should you not also have had mercy...in the same way that I had mercy on you?***

The teaching is about how God expects his children to forgive. Because we have been forgiven an impossible debt, God expects us, with the same graciousness as He has shown to us, to also be forgiving to others.

He doesn't say it will be easy. We know that deep hurts are hard for us to forgive. But regardless of the difficulty, He nonetheless calls us to be forgiving.

The most encouraging thing for me to remember when I struggle with forgiveness, is remembering how difficult it was for Jesus to do what was necessary so that I could be forgiven. It

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doesn't make it easy for me to forgive, but it does make it easier.

And what I've found to be true is that when I'm willing to make an effort to walk in God's ways, He helps me accomplish what I formerly thought was impossible.

What a glorious thought – He purchased our debt! What does He ask in return? For us to forgive others as He has forgiven us. He doesn't ask us to do what He was not willing to do.

Who do you need to forgive?

Much love!

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A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

A child came home from Sunday School and told his mother that he had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly. It took his mother a while before she realized that the hymn was really "Gladly The Cross I'd Bear."

A Merry Heart Doeth Good!

Proverbs 17:22

AFTER THE WINTER GOD SENDS THE SPRING!

Springtime is a season of hope and joy and cheer—
There's beauty all around us to see and touch and hear...
So no matter how downhearted and discouraged we may be,
New hope is born when we behold leaves budding on a tree.
Or when we see a timid flower push through the frozen sod,
And open wide in glad surprise its petaled eyes to God...
For this is just God saying, "Lift up your eyes to Me,
And the bleakness of your spirit, like the budding springtime tree,
Will lose its wintry darkness and your heavy heart will sing."
For God never sends the winter without the joy of spring.
—Selected

SPRING FORWARD MARCH 14, 2021

PRAYER LIST

Bob Brownlee—fell and is hurting pretty bad. Please Pray for his comfort and healing.

Other on the prayer list: Leon Shoemaker, Russell Day, Kendall Brundage, Shirley Stoner, Melinda Miller, Hailee Moyer

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Glenda Day—8th	Brianna Bocanegra—9th
Bonnie Tirey—10th	George LeFlore—10th
Kaylee Jenkins—11th	Nathan Bradbury—11th
Shelly Brown—12th	Arley Bennett—16th
Jami Dodds—20th	Arallai Wartick—27th
Larry Helton—27th	Karissa Richmond—30th

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

March

Mar 07—Jill DeJarnett	Mar 14—Lynette Turney
Mar 21—Helen Norris	Mar 28—Kaylee Jenkins

April

Apr 04—Sara Bradbury	Apr 11—Lynette Turney
Apr 18—Linda Wartick	Apr 25—Kaylee Jenkins

May

May 02—Helen Norris	May 09—Lynette Turney
May 16—Linda Wartick	May 23—Kaylee Jenkins
May 30—Darlene Cooney	

If you can volunteer, see Darlene Cooney!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Grace is when God gives us good things
that we don't deserve.

Mercy is when He spares us from
bad things we deserve.

Blessings are when He is generous
with both.

Truly, we can never run out of reasons
to thank Him.

God is Good All the Time!

If you are visiting today, welcome! We are glad that you have joined us in worshiping our God. Please feel at home with our family, and let us know how we can serve you!



The Advanced Lessons, Part 7: Forgiveness
Matthew 18:21-35

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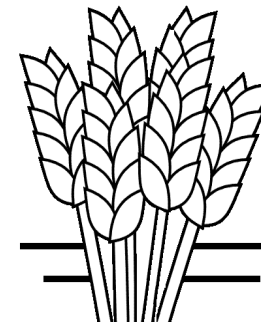
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Notes:

THOSE WHO SERVE

SUNDAY A.M.	07-Mar 2021	14-Mar 2021	21-Mar 2021
Elder in Charge	E. Newberry	E. Newberry	E. Newberry
Opening Prayer	N. Bradbury	R. Harris	K. Dodds
Song Leader	D. Pierce	D. Pierce	D. Pierce
Communion Prayer	E. Newberry	T. Norris	R. Harris
Contribution Prayer & Collection	L. Turney K. Dodds	L. Turney K. Dodds	L. Turney K. Dodds
Ushers	A. Hines P. Dodds	A. Hines P. Dodds	A. Hines P. Dodds
Closing Prayer	E. Newberry	E. Newberry	E. Newberry
Deacon in Charge	L. Lewis	L. Lewis	L. Lewis
SUNDAY A.M.	28-Mar 2021	04-Apr 2021	11-Apr 2021
Elder in Charge	E. Newberry	M. Kline	M. Kline
Opening Prayer	L. Lewis	D. Pierce	M. Neal
Song Leader	D. Pierce	W. Pierce	W. Pierce
Communion Prayer	M. Kline	E. Newberry	T. Norris
Contribution Prayer & Collection	L. Turney K. Dodds	N. Bradbury J. DeJarnett	N. Bradbury J. DeJarnett
Ushers	A. Hines P. Dodds	J. Rayl J. Willson	J. Rayl J. Willson
Closing Prayer	E. Newberry	M. Kline	M. Kline
Deacon in Charge	L. Lewis	M. Neal	M. Neal

Note concerning COVID-19: We are now requiring adults to wear masks in services, unless performing a public speaking role in the service or partaking of communion. If you have a medical limitation, we are not asking you to wear a mask and disregard that limitation. We also ask anyone who is subject to quarantine to abide by those recommendations. If you have a cough or are feeling ill, please do not attend services in person. By taking these measures, we believe we can respond to Paul's instructions in Philippians 2, where he wrote—*“do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”*



“Reaching Inward, Outward
Upward, Downward”

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 7, 2021

Call to Worship

Prayer

Song #242 “Sing Hallelujah to the Lord”

Song #410 “He Leadeth Me”

Song #386 “He Loves Me”

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Lesson

Song #586 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Closing Prayer

ELDERS

Rex Harris
Ed Newberry

Marvin Kline
Tom Norris

DEACONS

Kevin Dodds
Leroy Lewis
David Pierce

Aaron Hines
Mike Neal
Alan Shields

MINISTER

Wes LeFlore