

BEING FORGIVEN & GRANTING FORGIVENESS

Matthew 18:21-35

"Sanctify them
by the Truth.
Your Word is
Truth"
John 17:17

I. Introduction

A. Of all the world's religions, only Christianity offers complete forgiveness.

B. Humility is the context of forgiveness.

II. Peter's question about granting forgiveness. 21-22

A. How many times shall I forgive my brother who sins against me? 21

B. How did Jesus respond to this very gracious question of Peter? 22

III. The parable of the unforgiving servant. 23-35

A. The first part of the parable deals with a great King and his indebted servant.

B. The second part of the parable deals with the forgiven servant and another servant who is indebted to him.

IV. What are some of the lessons we can we learn from this parable?

A. All of us are God's debtors.

B. There is a day of judgment.

C. There is a great King, who is Jesus Christ.

D. No one can pay back this infinite debt.

E. There is only one way of settling this debt now.

F. We need to be merciful.

G. The forgiven must forgive.

V. How can we put this teaching about forgiveness into practice?

A. We must experience forgiveness ourselves.

B. We must practice forgiveness.

VI. Conclusion