

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

## ***The Prayer Payoff!*** *Giving the bread away*

*How willing are you to be lied to, cheated,  
abandoned & betrayed?*

- *Because forgiveness is of no value to you  
until you are.*

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**Matthew 6:9-12,**

*Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it  
is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

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*What is the purpose of Christ's forgiveness?*

- *That we would be restored to peace with  
The Father, in Christ*
- *Is that it? One & done for us*

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*There's a reason it follows the bread immediately*

- *The bread of life to nourish us...*
- *Given to Christ & divided by Him*
- *Then distributed to those around us in need*

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*How many people need forgiveness?*

- *Are we only the beneficiaries of it?*
- *Or do we become possessors of it?*
- *Now ours to give away, as needed, like  
Christ did for us?*

*It's of no value beyond our personal need until we  
offer it to cancel a debt*

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***Did Jesus do all that He did willingly?***

**Philippians 2:5-8,** *"Let this mind be in you which  
was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of  
God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with  
God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the  
form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness  
of men. And being found in appearance as a man,  
He humbled Himself and became obedient to the  
point of death, even the death of the cross."*

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*Can we receive Christ & His forgiveness if we don't  
pass it along?*

**Matthew 6:14-15** – *(Immediately after the prayer)*  
*"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your  
heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do  
not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your  
Father forgive your trespasses."*

**Ephesians 4:32,** *"And be kind to one another,  
tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God  
in Christ forgave you."*

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*This is not a new revelation in Christ*

**Genesis 50:15-21,** *(19-20) "Joseph said to them, 'Do  
not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as  
for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant  
it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this  
day, to save many people alive.'"*

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*If we're not willing to suffer wrong & respond with forgiveness...*

- *Then don't suppose to pray the prayer*
- *God will judge us by how we live, not by what we say*

**Matthew 7:2**, *"For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."*

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*What makes the transaction complete with Christ?*

**I John 1:8-10**, *"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."*

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*How is it fully applied among us?*

**Luke 17:3-4**, *"Take heed to yourselves. If **your brother sins against you**, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."*

*Like Christ, it's offered freely from us*

- *But it can only do its work when confessed & received*

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*What about people still outside of faith in Christ?*

**I Corinthians 5:9-13**, *"I wrote to you in a letter not to associate with sexually immoral people. I did not mean the immoral people of this world or the greedy and swindlers or idolaters; otherwise you would have to leave the world. But now I am writing you not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer who is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or verbally abusive, a drunkard or a swindler. Do not even eat with such a person. **For what business is it of mine to judge outsiders?** Don't you judge those who are*

*inside? But God judges outsiders. Put away the evil person from among yourselves."*

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*When we receive Christ & His forgiveness...*

- *The forgiveness that lives in Him now lives in us*
- *For the same reason*

**Matthew 10:8**, *"Freely you have received, freely give."*

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*For those who are in the body of Christ...*

- *Forgiveness, cleansing & peace are offered in exchange for sin*

*For those still outside of Christ's body...*

- *Forgiveness is offered in Christ's behalf for peace with God*
- *And full fellowship in His family*