

# When We Pray, Pray This Way

#5: Whatever Became of Sin?

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“<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our  
debtors.”

*Harmartia*

*Paraptoma*

*Parabasis*

*Anomia*

*Opheilema*



As it is contrary to the holiness of God, sin is a defilement, a dishonor, and a reproach to us as it is a violation of His law. It is a crime, and as to the guilt which we contract thereby, it is a debt. As creatures we owe a debt of obedience unto our maker and governor, and through failure to render the same on account of our rank disobedience, we have incurred a debt of punishment; and it is for this that we implore a divine pardon.

## **Romans 1:18**

“<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.”

Forgiveness of others is not a work which merits God's forgiveness. It is a fruit of the merit of Christ having been bestowed upon the penitent sinner.

## **I John 1:8-9**

“<sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

**John 13:10 (NAS and KJV)**

“<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.’”

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## **Hebrews 4:12**

“<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

## **I Corinthians 11:31**

“<sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.”



**Asking for forgiveness  
implies confession.**

**Do not curse yourself as  
you pray as in Jesus'  
model for prayer.**

**Forgiven sins are forgotten sins.**

**Always check your  
heart when your body  
is infirm.**

**The Puritans always say it best.**