

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. \_\_\_\_\_ as the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ you. <sup>14</sup>And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup>Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3.1-17

- ◆ What **RIGHTEOUSNESS** is expected in the lives of Christian?
- ◆ How is this possible in such a sin filled world?
- ◆ Define in your own words: *I believe in the forgiveness of sins.*

Preparing for Prayer

**A**doration \_\_\_\_\_  
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**C**onfession \_\_\_\_\_  
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**T**hanks \_\_\_\_\_  
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**S**upplication \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The Apostles Creed**  
**Lesson SEVEN**

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**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 the Creator of heaven and earth,  
 and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:  
 Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 The third day He arose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
 Almighty,  
 whence He shall come to judge the living and the  
 dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and life everlasting. Amen.

## Defining SIN

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. Romans 3.20

- ◆ Why will 'observing the law' never be considered righteousness?
  
- ◆ According to Paul what is the purpose of the Law?
  
- ◆ Why is this important for us to understand?

List the commandments given to Moses on the mountain as listed in Exodus 20.	Do they apply to the relationship with God or the relationship with fellow man?
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## Defining how FORGIVEN people live Colossians 3.1-17

<sup>1</sup>Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

- ◆ What is the **RELATIONSHIP** of the Christian to Christ Jesus?
  
- ◆ What is the **RELATIONSHIP** of the Christian to the world?
  
- ◆ What has happened to make this possible?

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup>But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

- ◆ What is the **RESPONSIBILITY** of the Christian as they live their lives for Jesus?
  
- ◆ How does this change the way we relate to each other?

- ◆ How can a person help their own forgiveness?
- ◆ How can a person hinder their own forgiveness?
- ◆ Why would forgiving other be important to God?

Read John 8.1-11 The woman caught in adultery:

- ◆ Define adultery: Why is it a sin?
- ◆ Who has sinned in the incident listed here?
- ◆ Who is forgiven here? Why?
- ◆ Who is not forgiven? Why?

### Fill in the chart below from Exodus 20.1-17

- ◆ Why were there two stone tablets for the 10 commandments?
- ◆ How do the 10 commandments define a relationship with God?
- ◆ How do the 10 commandments define the relationship between different people?
- ◆ How do the 10 commandments serve as an example showing how the Law makes a person conscious of sin?

### Defining **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22.37-40

- ◆ Why would someone want to know which is the greatest commandment?
- ◆ The law was long and complicated, how did Jesus statement here redefine the Law? *See Romans 13.9-10*

- ◆ How should knowing this change the way people live?

### Defining FORGIVENESS

In him (Jesus) we have redemption through his blood, the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins, . . . Ephesians 1.7

- ◆ What does the word 'redemption' mean?
- ◆ What did Jesus have to do to deal with our sins?
- ◆ Why was the shedding of blood necessary? See Hebrews 9.22

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will \_\_\_\_\_ us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1.9

- ◆ What do we need to do about our sins?
- ◆ Why is Jesus the only one who can help us with our sins?
- ◆ What two things does Jesus do for us that changes our lives?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

- ◆ Why is each one important or necessary?

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\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

“Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.”  
And where these have been \_\_\_\_\_, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin. Hebrews 10.17-18

- ◆ When we give our sins to God, how does HE deal with them?
- ◆ Why is there no longer any sacrifice for sin?

### Defining the need to FORGIVE people

“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
\_\_\_\_\_ us our debts, (that which we owe)  
as we also have \_\_\_\_\_ our debtors. (what is owed  
us)  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.’

For if you \_\_\_\_\_ men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also \_\_\_\_\_ you. But if you do not \_\_\_\_\_ men their sins, your Father will not \_\_\_\_\_ your sins. Matthew 6.9-15