

# From Forgiven to Forgiving

*Based on the book by Jay E. Adams*

## Introduction

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of forgiveness to the sinner. Without it — eternal shame and \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., Luke 12:2-3); with it — \_\_\_\_\_ and blessedness in the presence of God. This is a fallen human being's \_\_\_\_\_ .
1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of forgiveness —
  2. The \_\_\_\_\_ (basis) of forgiveness —
  3. Have *you* experienced this gracious, divine forgiveness?
- B. The focus of this study (book) is not on God forgiving us sinners, but on his \_\_\_\_\_ that we who have been \_\_\_\_\_ forgive others (Eph. 4:32; Matt. 18:21-35).
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ about forgiveness arise from (1) general \_\_\_\_\_ of biblical teaching, (2) a faulty \_\_\_\_\_ of biblical passages/themes, and/or (3) an \_\_\_\_\_ of biblical teachings or language to the interpretive schemes of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ social sciences (especially psychology).

### 1. What is Forgiveness?

- A. An answer to this question is an \_\_\_\_\_ to our further consideration of forgiveness.
1. There are many \_\_\_\_\_ that go about \_\_\_\_\_ as forgiveness that are not biblical forgiveness at all.
  2. For example, many equate forgiveness with " \_\_\_\_\_ " — but they are not at all the same thing.

- B. There are at least two ways of answering our question:
1. We can talk about what forgiveness \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e., what it \_\_\_\_\_).
  2. Or we can think about its \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. In Ephesians 4:32, Paul \_\_\_\_\_ the forgiveness \_\_\_\_\_ expects from us to the forgiveness \_\_\_\_\_ grants.
- D. When God forgives, he \_\_\_\_\_ that he will not " \_\_\_\_\_ " (Isaiah 43:25; Jeremiah 31:34; Psalm 32:2).
- E. How does a God who is \_\_\_\_\_ "forget" our sins? "Not remembering" is active; it is a \_\_\_\_\_ whereby one person determines not to "remember" the sins of another "against him." It is a graphic way of saying that God will \_\_\_\_\_ one's offenses again as a matter of \_\_\_\_\_.
- F. This foundational idea has tremendous \_\_\_\_\_ for both our understanding and \_\_\_\_\_ of forgiveness toward other human beings. We will explore as we continue our study.