

POSITIONAL FORGIVENESS VS. PRACTICAL FORGIVENESS

A. THE PRIMARY DIFFERENCES

1. Regarding TO WHOM forgiveness is offered

- a. Positional forgiveness is offered to all _____. (Luke 24:47)

- b. Parental forgiveness is offered _____ to _____.
(Ps. 32:5; James 5:15)

2. Regarding the ASSOCIATION of forgiveness

- a. Positional forgiveness is associated with _____ the Family of God. Eph. 1:13-14)

- b. Parental forgiveness is associated with _____ with God. (1 Cor. 11:30-32; 1 John 1:3-10)

3. Regarding the REQUIREMENTS of forgiveness

- a. For Positional forgiveness _____ in _____ is required. (Acts 10:43; 13:38-39; 26:18)

- b. For Parental forgiveness _____ and _____ of _____ is required. (Luke 15:11-24; 1 John 1:9)

4. Regarding the RECEPTION of forgiveness

- a. Positional forgiveness is received by _____ in Christ. (Col. 1:14; 2:13; 3:13)

- b. Parental forgiveness is received only by _____ / _____ believers (Acts 8:22; Prov. 28:13)

5. Regarding the NECESSITY of forgiveness

- a. Positional forgiveness is needed to go to _____ in the _____. (1 Cor. 6:9-11)

- b. Parental forgiveness is needed to have the _____ of your salvation in the _____. (1 John 1:3-4; Ps. 51:10)

6. Regarding the FREQUENCY of forgiveness

- a. Positional forgiveness happens _____ and for all. (Col. 2:13; Ps. 103:10-12)

- b. Parental forgiveness happens whenever the believer _____ and the Holy Spirit _____. (1 John 1:9; Ps. 32:3-5; 38:1-18)

B. SEEING BOTH SIDES OF THIS DISTINCTION

1. King David (Ps. 51:1-12, 16-17)

2. Peter the disciple (John 13:1-11)

- a. Peter picked up defilement in his _____; and Jesus said, "*If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me*" --meaning you have no _____ with Me. (v. 8)

- b. What Christ was saying is that the believer who has "_____" (GK *loutroo*) i.e., has been born again, only needs to "_____" (GK *nipto*) his feet on a daily basis through confession. (v. 10)

* How can you apply these truths in your own life?