Forgiveness - Seventy Times Seven

1. Now we know that it has been a _________ feature in the preaching of Jesus up to this point to _________ . In fact this is the nature of the Gospel which Jesus is preaching, that in Him and through Him _______ intends to forgive us of our sins. Of course Jesus has been saying therefore, that it is our duty then to forgive _______ even as we have been forgiven by God.

2. And so then the question, "Lord, how _______ shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" .... and of course the _______ and just Judge of all the earth answers in perfect righteousness.... "Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to _______ times seven."

3. But the Lord uses this to increase the _________ and magnitude to which the extent of our forgiveness should go... "up to seventy times seven." By this the Lord obviously means, _________ time or an infinite number... you should always forgive is His plain meaning.

4. And of course Jesus gives this parable to explain the great and central reason _______ we as Christians should always forgive and more than this, have a loving and forgiving _______. The reason of course, that we have been forgiven an immeasurable debt of sin by God, because this is God’s nature, and therefore we should not hold much smaller offenses against others but rather _______ _______ forgive them. For the Christian, unforgiveness, according to Jesus, is a massive act of hypocrisy and injustice, and worthy of the worst kind of punishment.... and so he tells the parable.

5. Isaiah 1:18 - 18 "Come now, and let us _________ together," Says the Lord, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool. NASB

6. See here our utter _____________! The Lord means to tell us that we do not have means to pay our indebtedness to God.

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7. Here the Lord means to say even if you give all that you have, it is _______ enough.... The debt of your sin is incomprehensible, it is __________ your ___________ to pay.

8. **Psalm 130:1-4** - 130 Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord. 2 Lord, __________ my voice! Let Thine ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications. 3 If Thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? 4 But there _____ forgiveness with ________, That Thou mayest be feared. NASB

9. Oh Yes...God is _________ to forgive! And this of course He can justly do because of the ___________ manifested in the Cross of Jesus Christ. God can pardon our sins because Christ has ___________ the debt in full which justice demands.... Therefore we can go freely...all of this by the design and ___________ of God to offer a complete forgiveness.

10. But dear friend, if God, who is _______ more offended than you, and who is infinitely _________ can forgive, surely you can forgive. Are _____ more holy than God? Is sin a greater offense to ____ than it is to God, the pure and righteous source of all goodness?

11. Here Jesus gives the application or conclusion of the parable. He is here no longer talking about the unmerciful slave but rather ______ and _____ as we stand before God, the great King and heavenly judge to whom we are indebted. See here Peter, the story is about you! The obvious point, true Christians have been so sufficiently __________ by the mercy of God as to have a sincere change of heart that shows itself in a humble willingness to show __________ to others.

12. **Luke 23:34** - 34 But ___________ was saying, "Father, forgive ________; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves. NASB

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