

# ACCEPTING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Matthew 6

**The Port City church exists to give real hope through Jesus Christ to real people facing life in the real world**

**Matthew 6:12 -**

*"This then is how you should pray...Forgive us our debts..."*

## HOW DOES GOD FORGIVE?

### 1. GOD FORGIVES \_\_\_\_\_

Nehemiah 9:17b – *"You are a God of forgiveness, always ready to pardon, gracious and merciful...full of love and mercy..." (Living Bible)*

Isaiah 55:7b – *"God is merciful and quick to forgive." (Today's English)*

### 2. GOD FORGIVES \_\_\_\_\_

Colossians 2:13-14 – *"He has forgiven all your sins; He has utterly wiped out the evidence of broken commandments which always hung over our heads, and has completely annulled it by nailing it to the cross." (Philips)*

Jeremiah 31:34 – *"The Lord will forgive and forget their sins." (Living Bible)*

### 3. GOD FORGIVES \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 1:9 – *"If we confess our sins to God, he will keep his promise and do what is right: he will forgive us our sins and purify us from all our wrongdoing." (Today's English Version)*

Hebrews 7:25 – “(Christ) . . . is always interceding on our behalf.” (Philips)

**4. GOD FORGIVES \_\_\_\_\_**

Romans 3:23-24 – “All of us have sinned...yet now God declares us ‘not guilty’ of offending him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who freely takes away our sins.” (Living Bible)

Ephesians 2:8-9 – “For it is by God's grace that you have been saved through faith. It is not the result of your own efforts, but God's gift, so that no one can boast about it.” (Today's English Version)

**HOW TO BE FORGIVEN**

**1. You don't have to \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. You don't have to \_\_\_\_\_ with God**

**3. You don't \_\_\_\_\_ God**

**4. You just \_\_\_\_\_ and obey**

- \*ADMIT**
- \*BELIEVE**
- \*COMMIT**

1 Peter 3:21 – “Baptism now saves you by the power of Jesus Christ's resurrection. Baptism is not a removal of dirt from your body; it is an appeal to God from a clean conscience.” (New Living Translation)