

# LIVING for GIVING

## #9 1/2 “GOD THE FORGIVER”

The Vineyard Church of Conroe

Raymond McDonald

January 27, 2013

### Sermon Outline Notes

<sup>12</sup> “Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”

Colossians 3:12-13 NLT

### The Kingdom Life is INACCESSIBLE WITHOUT

#### FORGIVENESS

<sup>20</sup> Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

1 John 4:20-21

#### I. Romans 3:23-25

<sup>23</sup> For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.

### God’s Forgiveness UNITES US WITH JESUS IN HIS DEATH

#### AND RESURRECTION

“Christ who died for our sins is one with God, but Christ who died for our sins is also one with humanity. It is because of Christ’s union with humanity that God can separate sinners from their sin.” -Miroslav Volf

#### II. 1 Corinthians 5:21

<sup>21</sup> For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

### God’s Forgiveness SEES US AS RIGHTEOUS AND

#### EMPOWERS US TO BE RIGHTEOUS

*“God doesn’t just forgive sin; he transforms sinners into Christ-like figures and clothes them with Christ’s righteousness.”-Miroslav Volf*

### **III. Matthew 6:14-15**

**<sup>14</sup> For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.**

### **God’s Forgiveness IS RECEIVED BY FAITH & REPENTANCE**

*“Without confession I will remain unforgiven--not because God doesn’t forgive, but because a refusal to confess is a rejection of forgiveness.” - Miroslav Volf*

### **God’s Forgiveness COMPELS US TO FORGIVE OTHERS**

*“If I am united with Christ in faith, I’ll have forgiveness and Christ will live in me, forgiving through me those who offend me as he has forgiven me.” -M. Volf*