

**WHAT ARE WE TO DO WHEN A SINNING BROTHER REPENTS?**  
**Jesus Teaches His Disciples about Forgiveness**  
**Matt 18:21-35**

- I. **THE OCCASION FOR JESUS TEACHING ON FORGIVENESS:** After being taught about addressing sin, Peter questions Jesus concerning how much to forgive (21)
  - a. *Review:* Jesus seeks His valuable yet straying sheep through His body (His church) addressing their sin (1-20)
  - b. Peter then questions Jesus concerning the extent of forgiveness (21)
  
- II. **THREE REASONS WHY KINGDOM CITIZENS ARE TO CONTINUALLY FORGIVE:** Jesus reveals through a parable why we must forgive (22-35)
  - a. Jesus answer to Peter (22)
  
  - b. Jesus give a parable and pronouncement that reveals why those in His kingdom are to forgive from the heart (23-35)
    - 1. **God's compassionate forgiveness in Christ has no bounds (23-27)**
  
    - 2. **The Lord expects His true children to be like Him and thus to abundantly compassionately forgive without limits (28-33)**
  
    - 3. **Torturous discipline/eternal punishment from the Lord awaits those who do not forgive from the heart (34-35, 6-9)**