The Lord's Prayer #3

Experiencing Our Forgiveness (Matt 6:12) Pastor Kurt

A) Thanking God for Our Forgiveness

- We need a New Covenant modified Lord's Prayer (Heb 8:6, 13; 10:11-18)
- For the child of God, there is no need to do *anything* in order to be forgiven of our sins. (1 John 1:7-9; 2:12)

B) The Importance of a Clear Conscience

• Guilt is painful & paralyzing (Acts 24:16; Heb 9:14; 10:22)

C) Gaining a Clear Conscience (Heb 10:22)

- There are some choices we need to make in order to experience the forgiveness of God.
- 1) "draw near to God."

What God feels when one of His children sins is compassion. (Exod 34:6-7)

- 2) draw near to God "with a sincere heart." being honest about our sin.
 - Do you have a soft or hard conscience?
 - We may need to ask the forgiveness of others. (Matt 5:23-24; Rom 12:17-18)
- 3) Have a full assurance of faith in the blood of Christ
 - If Christ died for our sin doesn't it seem certain that He must be willing to forgive it?
 - Our guilt does not honor or please God.

Let us pray this part of the Lord's Prayer:

Father, thank you for forgiving all of my sins through the blood of Jesus Christ

- Is there anything I'm feeling guilty about?
- Is there anyone I need to reconcile with?
- Am I enjoying and rejoicing in the forgiveness of God?