Lord's Day 51 Name: _____

As preparation for this lesson, read carefully the parable found in Matthew 18:23-35. In a very powerful way this parable instructs us in the meaning of the fifth petition: "And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."

A. Our prayer for forgiveness.

1. We are taught to pray that God will not impute to us our _____ nor that _____.

a. Transgressions refer to our daily breaking of the _____. Depravity refers to _____.

b. This petition is, first of all, a *confession* of sin. Quote Psalm 32:5. "_____ _____ _____ _____ _____."

c. Then, the petition is made that God will not impute our sins to us. According to Psalm 130:3, what if God *would* mark or charge our sins to us? _____ _____

d. What is the result for the man who is forgiven? (Ps. 32:1, 2) _____ _____

2. Jesus teaches us that our sins are *debts*. Explain how this is so. _____ _____ _____

3. The *basis* of this plea (for forgiveness) is in _____.

a. When Christ died, what happened to our sins? _____

b. If our sins are forgiven at the moment of Christ's death, why do we pray for God's forgiveness? _____ _____

4. Ought we to confess our sins, and ask forgiveness, every time we pray? _____ Explain your answer. _____ _____

B. Our forgiving one another.

1. The relation between God forgiving us and our forgiving the neighbor is very important for us to understand. Read the following statements carefully, and underline the correct one.

   a. God forgives us because we forgive our neighbor.

   b. Because God has forgiven us all our sins, we are ready to forgive others.

   c. God forgives us whether or not we forgive our neighbor.

2. How often are we to forgive someone who sins against us? (See Matt. 18:21, 22.) _____. What does Jesus' answer mean? _____

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3. It happens sometimes that someone sins against us, either knowingly or unknowingly, and does not confess this sin to us.

   a. According to Matthew 18:15, what are we to do in this case? _____

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   b. Can we forgive the neighbor if he does not confess his sin? _____ Explain fully. _____

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4. In the parable you read at the beginning of this lesson, what is the basic reason the servant did not dismiss the 100-penny debt of his fellow servant? _____

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5. In the light of this Lord's Day, what must impress us and amaze us as long as we live? _____

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