## ASSESSING YOUR SPIRITUAL CONDITION MESSAGE FIVE: "ARE YOU PRACTICING BIBLICAL FORGIVENESS?"

## I ALL HAVE SINNED AGAINST GOD.

- A. REVEALED IN SCRIPTURE & EXPERIENCE.
- B. SIN ALIENATES THE SINNER FROM GOD.
- 1. Fellowship & intimacy with God is broken.
- II UNDERSTANDING THE DOCTRINE OF FORGIVENESS.
- A. THE SCRIPTURE TESTIFIES AGAINST US.
- B. OUR CONSCIENCE TESTIFIES AGAINST US.
- C. OUR EXPERIENCE TESTIFIES AGAINST US.
- D. GOD IS WILLING TO FORGIVE MEN OF THEIR SINS.
- 1. Our sin is great (Psalm 25:11).
- 2. God's grace is greater (Rom. 5:14-16).
- 3. Forgiveness of sin demanded the death of Christ. (Heb. 9:22).
- E. THE BASIS FOR PLEADING GOD'S FORGIVENESS.
- 1. God's name's sake (Psalm 25:11).
- F. THE TERMS OF FORGIVENESS WITH GOD.
  - 1. Recognize that God alone can forgive sins (Luke 5:21).
- 2. Acknowledge your sin (confess) and turn to Christ (1 Jo. 2:8-9)
- 2 Cor. 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)