

## **UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN... POSITIONAL FORGIVENESS vs. PARENTAL - PRACTICAL FORGIVENESS**

### **A. THE DIFFERENCES**

#### **1. Regarding TO WHOM OFFERED**

- a. Positional Forgiveness is offered to all \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 24:47).
- b. Parental Forgiveness is offered only to \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 32:5; James 5:15).

#### **2. Regarding ASSOCIATION With Family or Fellowship**

- a. Positional forgiveness is associated with \_\_\_\_\_ the family of God (Ephesians 1:7; 4:32).
- b. Parental Forgiveness is associated with \_\_\_\_\_ with God (John 13:6-11; 1 Corinthians 11:30-32; 1 John 1:3-10).

#### **3. Regarding REQUIRMENTS**

- a. For Positional Forgiveness, \_\_\_\_\_ is required (Acts 10:43; 13:38-39; 26:18).
- b. For Parental Forgiveness, \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ of sin is required (Luke 15:11-24; 1 John 1:9).

#### **4. Regarding RECEPTION**

- a. Positional Forgiveness is received by \_\_\_\_\_ believers in Christ (Colossians 1:14, 2:13, 3:13).
- b. Parental Forgiveness is only received by \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ believers (Acts 8:22; Proverbs 28:13).

#### **5. Regarding NECESSITY**

- a. Positional Forgiveness is needed to go to \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

b. Parental Forgiveness is needed to have the \_\_\_\_\_ of your salvation in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 51:12).

**6. Regarding FREQUENCY**

a. Positional Forgiveness happens \_\_\_\_\_ and for all (Psalm 103:10-12; Colossians 2:13).

b. Parental Forgiveness happens \_\_\_\_\_ the believer sins, the Holy Spirit convicts, and the believer responds by confession or agreement—as often as is needed to restore fellowship (Psalm 32:3-5; 38:1-18; 1 John 1:9).

**B. SEEING BOTH SIDES OF THIS DISTINCTION**

**1. DAVID (PSALM 51:1-12, 16-17)**

**2. PETER (John 13:1-11)**

