

Mt. 5:43-44 *"Ye have heard that it was said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy: but I say unto you, love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you."*

Luke 23:34; Acts 7:57; 2 Tim. 4:14-16

## THREE PRAYERS

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× Luke 23:34 *"And Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."*

### +Contrast:

- × Sermon on the mount. Mt. 5-7
- × Triumphant entry Mt. 21:8-9; Mk. 11:10; 15:12-14
- × Miracles. Mt. 8-9

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- × ACTS 2 (53 days later)

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- × Mt. 6:11; cf. 2 Thess. 3:10
- × Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:15

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### +Who was Stephen?

- × Selected to care for Grecian widows. Acts 6:1ff
- × Able to preach. Acts 6:10
- × Accused. Acts 6:11

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### +Who was Stephen?

- × Accused Jewish council... Fathers rejected Moses.
  - ★ In Egypt. 7:25-28, 35
  - ★ As Law was given. 7:38-40
  - ★ Law of Moses. 7:42-43
- × These Jews guilty of the same things. 7:51-53

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### +Results of Stephen's preaching.

- × Stoned.
- × Prayed.

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- ✘ **2 Tim 4:16** “All forsook me: may it not be laid to their account.”
- ✘ **Who was Paul (Saul)?**
  - + Present at the stoning of Stephen. **Cf. Acts 7-8**
  - + Persecuted Christians. Believed Jesus an imposter. **26:9-12; 22:19-21**
  - + Saul’s conversion. **Acts 9:20-22; cf. ch.22,26**
  - + Paul the persecuted. **2 Cor. 11:23; 4:7-10; 16-18; Rom. 8:18; 2 Tim 4:16**

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  - ✘ During his former imprisonment at Rome Timothy was with him. **Phil 1:1,7**
  - ✘ Paul was not afraid to die. **Acts 21:13; 25:11; Phil. 1:21; cf. 2 Tim. 4:6-8**
  - ✘ Where did Paul learn how a Christian should live and die? (Saw Stephen!)

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## FORGIVENESS IS CONDITIONAL

- ✘ **One must repent.** **Luke 17:3; 13:3; Acts 17:30-31**
- ✘ **One must obey.** **Rom. 2:8-9; 2 Thess. 1:7ff; Heb. 5:8-9**
- ✘ **Forgiveness is “in Christ.”** **Eph. 1:3-7; cf. Gal. 3:26-27; 1 Cor. 12:12**

## Examples of Conversion

Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16; Lk. 24:44-47

Preaching	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptized	Saved
Pentecost Acts 2:14-41		Repented 37-38		Baptized 38-41	Remission of sins 38-47
Samaria Acts 8:5-13	Believed 12			Baptized 12-13	
Eunuch Acts 8:35-39	Believed 36-37		Confessed 37	Baptized 38	Rejoiced 39
Saul Acts 9:1-17; 22; 26				Baptized Acts 22:16; 9:18	Washed sins away Acts 22:16
Cornelius Acts 10:34-46; 11:14; 15:7	Believed 10:43; 15:7			Baptized 10:48	Remission of sins 10:43
Lydia Acts 16:13	Attended 14			Baptized 15	
Jailor Acts 16:32	Believed 31	Repented 33		Baptized 33	
<b>Preaching</b> Rom. 10:4	<b>Faith</b> Heb. 11:6	<b>Repentance</b> Lk. 13:3	<b>Confession</b> Rom. 10:10	<b>Baptism</b> Gal. 3:16-27	<b>Salvation</b> 2 Tim. 2:10 Heb. 5:8-9