

S. "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us."

T. Have you not daily occasion to pray for the forgiveness of your sins?

S. Yes, because I daily commit sin, and therefore need forgiveness.

T. Through whom must you pray for the pardon of your sins?

S. Through CHRIST alone.

T. And have you reason to expect that the Lord will hear your prayers?

S. Yes, if I come to him in faith, with a deep sense of my need of pardon.

T. What do you learn from the words which are added to this petition,—“as we forgive them that trespass against us?”

S. It should teach me to have a forbearing and forgiving temper towards my fellow creatures.

T. If you forgive others the injuries they may have done to you, may you, *on that account*, expect to receive from God the forgiveness of your sins?

S. No, it is only through the blood of Christ that my sins can be forgiven.

T. But do not all true believers in Christ desire to exercise a spirit of brotherly love and forgiveness of injuries?