

September



Month of Forgiveness The Apostle Matthew

The Money Bags symbolize that Matthew was formerly a tax collector

For the month of September, we will be focusing our attention on the virtue of forgiveness. The Bible teaches us the importance of always forgiving others the same way God forgives us.

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. (Matthew 9:9)

In the above Bible passage, we see that the apostle Matthew was a prior tax collector before leaving his profession and following Jesus. Jesus forgave Matthew for his past and asked Matthew to follow Him. Even though being a tax collector was seen as a corrupt and sinful profession, Jesus forgave Matthew. God forgives all our trespasses when we are repentant and choose to follow Him, the same way he forgave Matthew.

God wants us to forgive others so that we can be free of any resentment and bitterness, which only holds us back from loving one another.

Prayer

Lord we pray for the strength to choose forgiveness even when it is difficult. Please help us to forgive those around us who have hurt us and help us to always follow your teachings. We pray this for abortionists that they may seek repentance and may be able to experience God's forgiveness. We pray this is Jesus' name, Amen.

