

# Which is True of Your Christian Walk?

**Forgiveness—Then (Earthly ministry of Christ):** God’s forgiveness under the law was based upon a like spirit. *“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses”* (Matt. 6:14,15).

**Forgiveness—Now (Heavenly ministry of Christ):** Under grace we are forgiven for Christ’s sake and admonished to forgive others even as the Lord has forgiven us. *“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you”* (Eph. 4:32).

**Family—Then (Earthly ministry of Christ):** During the earthly ministry of Christ they were instructed to forsake their family and livelihood so they could devote all their time to spreading the good news of the kingdom. *“Then Peter began to say unto Him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee....” “And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name’s sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life”* (Mark 10:28; Matt. 19:29).

**Family—Now (Heavenly ministry of Christ):** Today, if a man doesn’t uphold his responsibility to meet the needs of his family he is said to be worse than an unbeliever. *“But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel”* (I Tim. 5:8).

**Prayer—Then (Earthly ministry of Christ):** Under the kingdom gospel, which was closely associated with signs, miracles and wonders, believing Israel was promised: *“And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive”* (Matt. 21:22). God responded to their prayers by shaking the place where they assembled (Acts 4:29-31).

**Prayer—Now (Heavenly ministry of Christ):** Under the gospel of the grace of God our prayer life is characterized accordingly: *“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered”* (Rom. 8:26).

