

Building A Healthy Church

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Forgiveness of Sins is at the Heart of the Gospel

Acts 2:38

Acts 5:31

Acts 10:43

Col 1:13-14

2 Corinthians 5:21

TWO Aspects to Consider.

1. Receiving Forgiveness

1 John 1:8,9 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is **faithful and just** and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2. Forgiving Others

WE must forgive others.
Jesus was very clear.
We have no option.

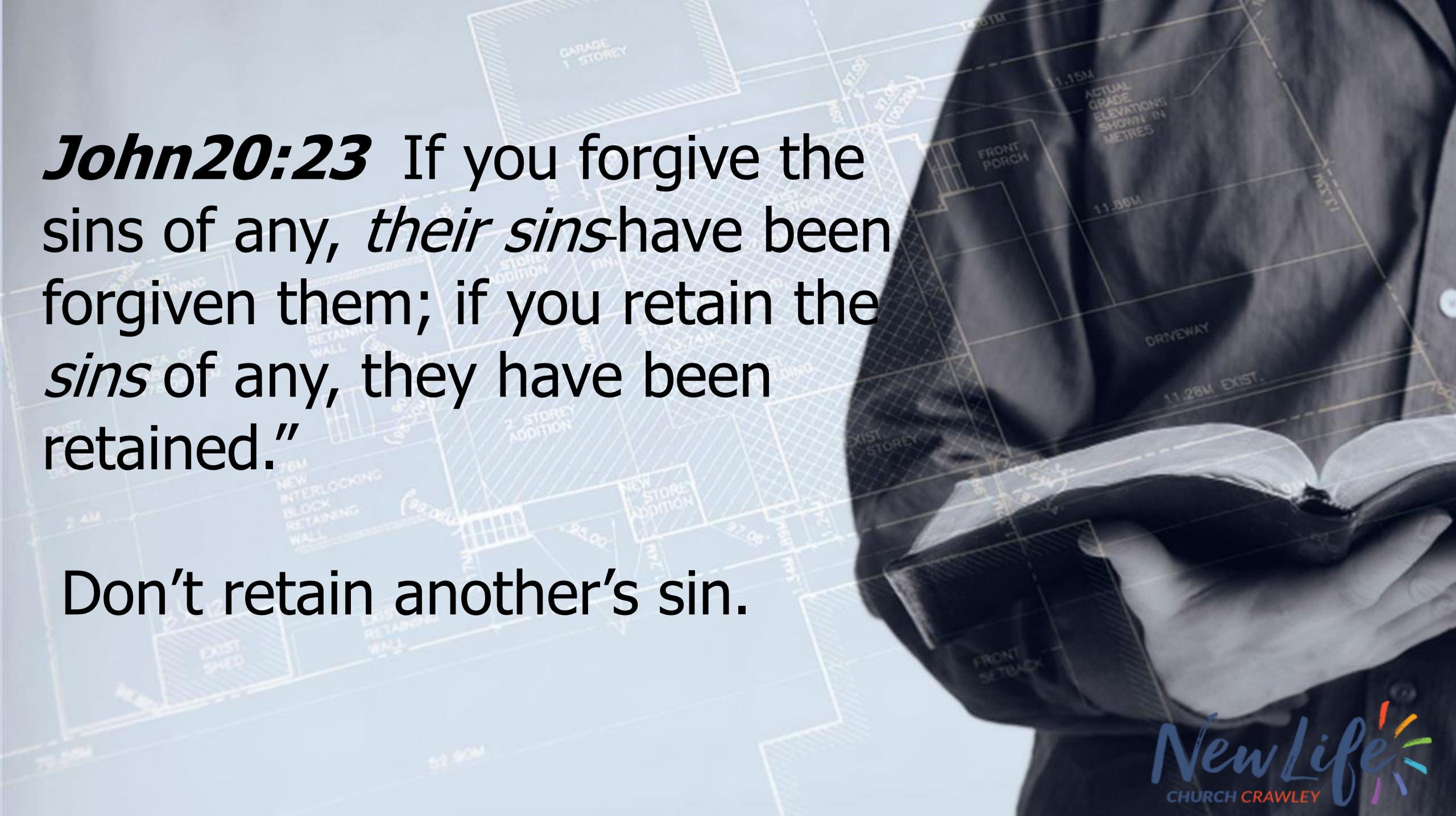
Matt. 6:12, 14 –15

Lord's prayer

Matthew 18: 21-22, 23 – 35

How often? (21-22)

Consequences of not forgiving.
Parable of unforgiving servant.
(23-35)



John 20:23 If you forgive the sins of any, *their sins* have been forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they have been retained."

Don't retain another's sin.

CONCLUSIONS

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