

FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER **(Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13)**

I. FORGIVENESS FROM GOD

A. JUDICIAL Forgiveness (Rom. 4:5-8)

1. Judicial forgiveness occurs at the same time as our justification when God permanently releases us from the _____ of our sins and He imputes to us His own _____.
2. This is granted on the basis of God's _____ (Luke 7:42), through _____ (Luke 7:50).

B. PARENTAL Forgiveness (1 John 1:3-9)

1. Parental forgiveness is the forgiveness necessary to restore the child of God to the _____ harmony of _____ with God when we as believers sin against Him.
2. This is granted on the basis of God's _____ (v. 9) and Christ's _____ (v. 7), through our _____ of sin (v. 9).

- *Seeing both sides: John 13:8-10; Acts 8:9-22*

II. FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER

A. WHY Should We Forgive One Another?

1. Our _____ for forgiving one another should be based on the fact that God has _____ freely, judicially forgiven us in Christ. (Luke 7:36-50; Eph. 1:7; 4:32; Col. 1:14; 2:13)
2. The result of believers refusing to forgive others includes a loss of _____ with God, which then requires His _____ forgiveness. (Matt. 6:12-15; 18:34; Mark 11:25-26; Luke 6:37)

B. WHO Should We Forgive?

1. We should never seek to forgive _____. (Deut. 32:4; Isa. 45:9)
2. We are never told in Scripture to forgive _____. (Ps. 51:4; Acts 5:4; 1 Cor. 8:12)
3. We are told in Scripture to forgive _____ of _____. (Mark 11:25; Col. 3:13)

C. HOW Should We Forgive One Another?

1. As believers in Christ, we should forgive others _____ and _____ by releasing to God all desire for retaliation and vengeance on our part and commit the matter to the Lord's care while desiring reconciliation with the other person and that person's welfare. (Mark 11:25; Luke 23:34; John 8:11; Acts 7:60; Rom. 12:17-21)

2. There is also _____ forgiveness, where the believer in Christ should seek to forgive the offending person or persons on the condition of their _____ in order to restore relational harmony and fellowship. (Luke 17:3-4; 2 Cor. 7:10)
 - *How should we practically and biblically proceed with this?*

3. As believers, we should forgive one another _____. (Matt. 18:21-22; Luke 17:3-4)
 - *But won't this encourage more sin and offenses? (Luke 7:47)*

4. As believers, we are to forgive one another _____. (Matt. 18:35)

5. As believers, we are to forgive one another _____ just as Christ forgives us. (Luke 7:42; Eph. 4:32)
 - *What should accompany this? (Matt. 5:43-46; 1 Cor. 13:4-7; Eph. 5:1-2; Col. 3:14)*

 - *Do we have a "right" to withhold forgiveness? (Gen. 50:20)*

6. As believers, we are to forgive one another _____. (Matt. 5:23-26)