

## Forgiveness

### *Forgiveness “in Christ”*

(Acts 10:43) “Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.”

(Ephesians 1:7) In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, (Colossians 1:14) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(Colossians 2:13-14) And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, {14} having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

(Hebrews 9:22) And according to the Law, *one may almost say*, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

(Hebrews 10:18) Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer *any* offering for sin.

(1 John 1:7-9) but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. {8} If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. {9} If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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### *Summary*

- All of our sins are forgiven
  - Certificate of debt against us is canceled
  - Price was paid to offer forgiveness (“shedding of blood”)
  - Price paid was enough...nothing else needed
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### *Forgiveness toward one another*

(Colossians 3:12-13) And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; {13} bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

(Ephesians 4:32) And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

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### *Summary (“as the Lord forgave you, so also should you”):*

- Choose to forgive as a way of life (all our sins are forgiven)
  - Pay the price of forgiveness  
(Philippians 2:8) And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
  - Cancel the debt the person owes you...completely
  - Once forgiven, the debt is paid...nothing else is owed to you
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### *Other Scripture related to a lifestyle of forgiveness*

(Romans 12:17) Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.

(Romans 12:19-21) Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,” says the Lord. {20} “BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS UPON HIS HEAD.” {21} Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

(1 Peter 3:9) not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.