

FORGIVENESS

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THERE IS A GREAT NEED IN OUR CULTURE, IN OUR FAMILIES TO UNDERSTAND FORGIVENESS

FORGIVENESS IS TRANSFORMING & AFFECTS OUR PERSONALITY
FORGIVENESS FREES US FROM BITTERNESS
FORGIVENESS SUPPLANTS PRIDE

GOD'S FORGIVENESS IS AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW

THE PERSON WHO ACCEPTS FORGIVENESS BECOMES FORGIVING

THE BELIEVER WHO REALIZES THAT HE IS TRULY FORGIVEN IS RELEASED FROM A SENSE OF GUILT AND FROM BONDAGE TO PAST MISTAKES

FORGIVENESS OPENS OUR HEARTS TO GOD AND OPENS OUR LIVES TO HIS WORKING WITHIN US.

IN THE BIBLE SOME WORDS GIVEN FOR - FORGIVE =

HEBREW = *NASA* = 600X = TO LIFT UP; TO TAKE UP OR AWAY

KAPAR = 150X = ATONEMENT

SALAH = TO PARDON

GREEK *CHARIZOMAI* = TO BE GRACIOUS; TO GIVE FREELY; CANCEL A DEBT

APHIEMI = 146X = TO SEND AWAY; TO DISMISS; TO RELEASE

APHESIS = 17X = REMISSION; FREEDOM; RELEASE

1 John 1:5-10

5 And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; 7 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. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALLEN SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD (RO.3:23)
IF WE CONFESS – WHEN YOU STAND IN AGREEMENT (CONFESS) WITH GOD THAT YOU ARE IN SIN -
GOD IS FAITHFUL –

GOD IS RIGHTEOUS AND HOLY
 GOD IS FAITHFUL AND RIGHTEOUS TO FORGIVE OUR SINS
 GOD ALSO CLEANSSES US FROM THOSE SINS

GOD GIVES THE GRACIOUS ABILITY TO CANCEL OUR DEBT, TO FREELY DISMISS THE PENALTY OF OUR SIN, TO RELEASE US FROM SINS BONDAGE AND RESTORE US TO RIGHTEOUSNESS.

THIS BECOMES A PATTERN FOR TO FOLLOW IN DEVELOPING FORGIVENESS IN OUR OWN LIVES

Matt 6:14 "For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 "But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

Matt 18:21 Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.
 490 TIMES OF FORGIVENESS?

A CONTINUAL AND PERPETUAL ATTITUDE OF FORGIVENESS ALWAYS PREPARING YOUR HEART AND COMMITTING TO BEING PREPARED TO FORGIVE

Matt 18:35 "So shall My heavenly Father also do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart."

Luke 7:47 "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little." 48 And He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven." 49 And those who were reclining at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this man who even forgives sins?"
 FORGIVENESS IS TIED TO LOVE AND IT'S EXPRESSION

Mark 11:25 "And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions. 26["But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions."]

Luke 17:3 "Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. 4 "And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' forgive him."

THE PURPOSE OF REBUKE AND CORRECTION IS TO PRODUCE REPENTANCE

REPENTANCE – A TURNING FROM - SIN
 REPENTANCE A TURNING TO – RIGHTEOUSNESS
 WHEN SOMEONE COMES TO US HAVING TURNED FROM THEIR SIN – WE
 FORGIVE

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

KINDNESS – SOFTNESS – TENDER-HEARTEDNESS – BEST FOUNDATION FOR
 FORGIVENESS

GRACE MERCY, COMPASSION ARE ELEMENTS OF FORGIVENESS

Col 3:12 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.

PUT ON A HEART OF FORGIVENESS-
 PRACTICE IT MANY TIMES DURING THE SMALL THINGS –
 IT CAN COME EASIER DURING THE DIFFICULT THINGS

MAY NOT COME NATURALLY TO MANY
 RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS A NEEDED THING TO HAVE DEEP WITHIN YOUR
 SOUL/ SPIRIT
 OUR EXAMPLE IS CHRIST'S' FORGIVENESS OF US

Luke 23:34 But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves. JESUS ASKED GOD TO FORGIVE THE GREAT TRESPASSES AGAINST HIS SON SOME TRESPASS OUT OF IGNORANCE

SOME REFUSE TO LEARN
 STUBBORN HEARTS – HARD HEARTS CAN ALL BE SOFTENED BY GOD
 Neh 9:17 "And they refused to listen, And did not remember Thy wondrous deeds which Thou hadst performed among them; So they became stubborn and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But Thou art a God of forgiveness, Gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, and abounding in loving-kindness; And Thou didst not forsake them.
 GODS VERY NATURE IS FORGIVING

Ps 130:3 If Thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
 4 But there is forgiveness with Thee, That Thou mayest be feared.

Matt 26:27 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; 28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

JESUS'S' BLOOD IS THE NEW COVENANT – PROMISE – AGREEMENT
POURED OUT FOR MANY
POURED OUT FOR FORGIVENESS – GODS FORGIVENESS – THE WRATH
AGAINST SIN IS SATISFIED
THE PAYMENT IS MADE IN FULL
THE BLOOD IS ENOUGH

UNPARDONABLE SIN

Mark 3:28 "Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin "--

TO REJECT THE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO SALVATION IS NOT FORGIVABLE
REJECTION OF JESUS'S MIRACULOUS ATONEMENT IS NOT FORGIVABLE
REJECTION OF WHAT JESUS DID FOR THE SINNER IS NOT FORGIVABLE

REPENTANCE LEADS TO FORGIVENESS

Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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

IT IS BELIEF, NOT THE FOLLOWING OF RULES THAT GENERATES FORGIVENESS

THROUGH JESUS IS FORGIVENESS
THROUGH JESUS WE ARE FREED

Acts 13:38 "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, 39 and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.

IN HIM WE HAVE REDEMPTION – THROUGH THE BLOOD - FORGIVENESS
Eph 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,

Col 1:13- For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

REDEMPTION THROUGH FORGIVENESS MOVES US FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

ALL THINGS CAN BE CLEANSED – ALL THINGS CAN BE FORGIVEN

Heb 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.

THE ATTITUDE OF FORGIVENESS;
FORGIVENESS REMEMBERS SINS NO MORE

Heb 8:12

"For I will be merciful to their iniquities, And I will remember their sins no more."

Heb 10:17 "And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

Ps 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Mic 7:19 He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, Thou wilt cast all their sins Into the depths of the sea.

OUR INIQUITIES – OUR WRONGNESS – OUR MISTAKES – OUR IMMORALITIES – OUR LAWLESS DEEDS - ARE NOT REMEMBERED IN FORGIVENESS

FORGIVENESS THE ABILITY TO LET IT GO

THE ABILITY TO NOT RE-HASH OLD SINS AND MISTAKES
TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A CLEAN CONSCIENCE – CLEAN HEART AND CLEAN SLATE –

EXTEND FORGIVENESS TODAY AND EVERY DAY