

FORGIVE – Part One: WITHHOLDING FORGIVENESS, NO APOLOGY, SEEK GOD’S FORGIVENESS DAILY

Forgiveness is needed so much in our world.

If you have truly received Christ as your Savior then you have received forgiveness from God. God made the greatest sacrifice in giving Jesus to the world for the forgiveness of sins so that we could be saved and reconciled back to our Heavenly Father through Jesus. God did that for every single one of us but it is up to us to come and receive Jesus into our hearts and lives and to live for Him. A truly saved person’s life will change, and they will repent of their sins. When you cry and ask forgiveness for the bad things you have done, that is not repenting. Repenting is when you stop doing them. You need to ask for God’s forgiveness and repent.

After salvation, you should break generational curses off of your life. I have a teaching on that. The sins of our parents and ancestors are not automatically broken off of our lives once we are saved. They are still hanging over our lives. Get water baptized and seek the baptism into the Holy Spirit.

Once you are saved, God goes to work renewing your mind through the power of His Holy Spirit and His Word.

Romans 12:2 – And be not conformed to this world (Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world): but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind (let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think), that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (then you will learn to know what God’s will is for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect).

You will begin to recognize sin the more you read God’s Word and pray and seek Him with a sincere heart. You will learn what pleases God and what doesn’t. When you recognize sin that is hard to stop or you are unable to stop, you may have a stronghold or demonic activity in that area of your life.

Salvation is the biggest point of deliverance in a person’s life.

If you are not a forgiving person, then don't expect to get free from your sin and free from demonic activity in your life. Deliverance will not happen for you if you don't forgive.



The healing begins once you truly forgive.

When administering deliverance, one of the major steps that must be taken first is to forgive all wrongs and hurts to everyone throughout your entire life. This includes forgiveness toward God for when you have been mad and angry at Him.

To Forgive. Many times this is easier said than done. For really deep hurts, this is impossible without the power and help of the Holy Spirit.

Col.3:13 – Forbearing one another (make allowance for each other's faults), and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any (forgive anyone who offends you): even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.

Matt.6:14 - For if ye forgive men their trespasses (If you forgive other people when they sin against you), your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses (but if you refuse to forgive others), neither will your Father forgive your trespasses (sins).



Forgive others because you need forgiveness too.

Matt.5:21-24 - Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time (by our ancesters), Thou shalt not kill (you shall not murder); and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment (if you do murder, you will be subject to judgement): But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if thou bring thy gift (sacrifice) to the altar (in the Temple), and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift (sacrifice) before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift (sacrifice).

The King James uses an untranslated word, Raca, it is not even a Greek word which is what the New Testament was supposed to have been written in. Scholars are divided on what this word means and they think it is actually 'reka' meaning empty one, empty headed or foolish.

[Aramaic Bible in Plain English](#)

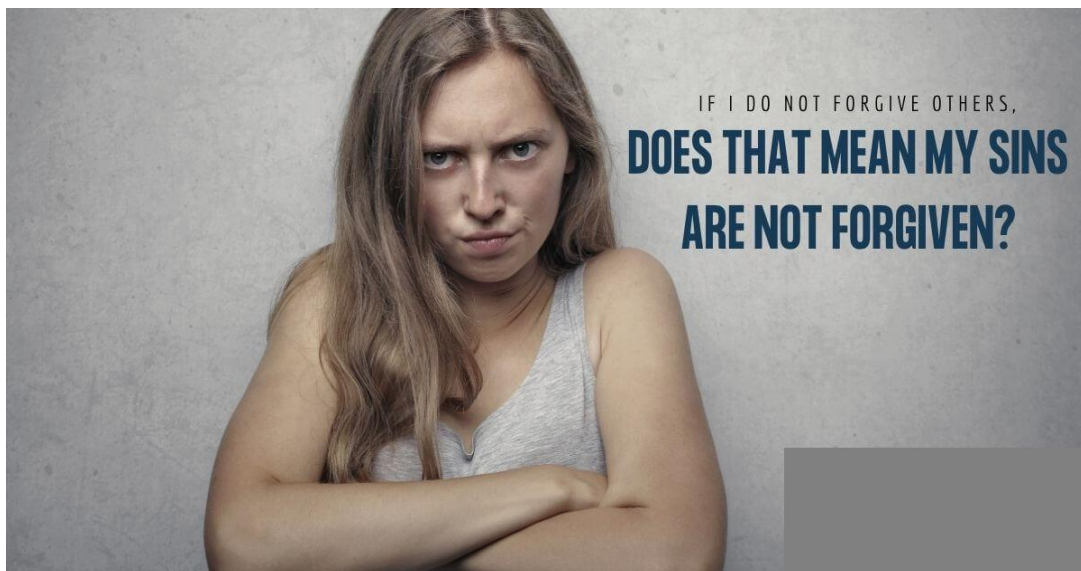
But I am saying to you, that everyone who will be angry against his brother without cause is condemned before the judge, and everyone who will say to his brother, 'I spit on you', is condemned before the assembly, and whoever will say 'You fool.' is condemned to the Gehenna of fire.

Matt.5:22 – But I am saying to you, that everyone who will be angry against his brother without a cause is condemned before the judge, and everyone who will

say to his brother, 'I spit on you', is condemned before the assembly (Sanhedrin), and whoever will say 'You fool.' Is condemned to the Gehenna of fire.

Something that has always stayed with me is from this passage. Look how serious it was to call someone a fool or an idiot. No matter how upset we get with someone, let's remember they are made in God's image too. We don't use the word stupid in our house or idiot or words like that. I might say something is stupid like pertaining to our government or this coronavirus agenda. But I try not to use those words in regards to people. I think it is interesting that the Bible cautions about calling people fools but fool is all over the Bible. And the Bible states that the fool is the atheist. (Psalm 14:1)

We don't make animal sacrifices today but we still offer sacrifices to God. We see from this passage of scripture that God does not even want your offerings if you are withholding forgiveness and not making peace. If that is you, then you do not have God's full blessing and forgiveness flowing in your life. You are not doing what He commands you to do in Scripture and that is to forgive. We are to be like Jesus, Who even forgave His tormenters while He was still hanging on the cross. We are to be followers and imitators of our King, Jesus.



If I do not forgive others, does that mean my sins are not forgiven? Sometimes we think we are really going to hurt someone or make them pay by withholding

forgiveness. Christians are hurting themselves when they withhold forgiveness. God said it plainly that if we don't forgive, then He is not forgiving us.

There are many different reasons to forgive. Forgiveness to a spouse who cheated. Forgiveness to a rude person. Forgiveness to someone who lied. For a mistake that was made. For something ugly that was said or done. To a rapist, molesters, those that used you and took advantage of you, drunk drivers who ran over someone you loved and killed or injured them, or to murderers in general etc. There's no way I can think of every situation that calls for forgiveness the main thing is to get busy doing what God has called us to do. Forgive. It is not our place to judge those that are hardened against God and are not sorry about what they did. But our place is to forgive. Swallow your pride and forgive. Take your hate or anger to God and forgive. If judgement is required or vengeance, it is God's place not ours and He will judge each situation justly and He will repay accordingly.



When I was single I was so used to dating rude guys, that when Scott came along I was being mean to him. At one point early on in our dating relationship I got on my knees and asked Scott to forgive me. He told me later he had just about had it with me and had even thought about breaking up with me. I dug this picture out, this is right in that time frame when I was being so ugly to him. I was so mean back then I'm surprised he stayed. Look at what satan was doing, he was out to

stop our relationship and try to thwart the plans God had for our lives together. It was God's plan all along for us to be in ministry together. We had no idea, but it has been amazing to see God's plan unfold for us. Don't lose someone out of your life because you can't say you are sorry and ask for forgiveness.



There are some things you don't forget. Forgiveness doesn't mean you forget, but it doesn't mean you are a floor mat to continue letting the same behavior continue over and over again either. Forgive and move on.

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Reminder: You don't have to rebuild a relationship with everyone you've forgiven. Just because you're at peace, doesn't mean they're not still toxic. I saw this out online as I was putting this message together and had to include it. This is especially true for those in abusive relationships. This can also apply to business partners and working relationships too. For Christians these situations where you need to forgive but move on or away from the person are usually when we are dealing with unbelievers. They don't live by God's Word and God's ways.

Let's hear a parable about forgiving:

Matt.18:21-35 - Then came Peter to Him (Jesus), and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants (who wanted to settle accounts with his servants). And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents (who owed him millions of dollars). But forasmuch as he had not to pay (since he was not able to pay), his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him (begged him), saying, lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord (master) of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him (set him free), and forgave him the debt (cancelled his debt). But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him an hundred pence (a few thousand dollars): and he laid hands on him, and took *him* by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him (begged him), saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants (the other servants) saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord (their master) all that was done. Then his lord (the king), after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me (because you begged me to): Shouldest not thou also have had compassion (mercy) on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity (mercy) on thee? And his lord (master) was wroth (angry), and delivered him to the tormentors (to the jailers to be tormented), till he should pay all that was due unto him (until he should pay back all that he owed). So likewise shall My heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother (s) or (sisters) their trespasses.

God forgave us all. He erased the debt we owed completely when we came to Jesus. Who are we to then withhold forgiveness from anyone?



How to forgive when the apology never comes – for every mom. They say we hurt the ones we love. We speak our minds to them. We are around them the most and naturally we are going to hurt and get hurt. Be someone who is quick to apologize and ask forgiveness. I have always been that way. I am still pretty feisty and can get myself into trouble but am usually quick to recognize it and work to remedy it.



We do hurt the ones we love. We spend the most time with them, they know what buttons to push. So often we take them for granted. We think they will love us no matter what. But that is no excuse to run over them or not show love and exercise patience and forgiveness.

Eph. 4:26 - Be ye angry, and sin not (Don't sin by letting anger control you): let not the sun go down upon your wrath (anger):

Do not go to bed angry. And when you are mad don't just run over the Holy Spirit while He is giving you warnings to stop. There have been a few times when I have been mad and I just went right on and said what I wanted to say. Then I got spanked by the Holy Spirit and it never feels good. Listen to Him and stop, just shut up because in the heat of the moment hurtful things are going to be said. Back off and wait until you have cooled off and calmed down. Do not be someone who always has to be right, who has to win every argument. Sometimes it just isn't worth it even if you are right. Have a gentle spirit and let things go. That saying, choose your battles is so right. Many times we get flared up about insignificant things.

I am usually quick to say I'm sorry or at least start bringing it up so we can get it ironed out. I feel bad and don't like to let something fester inside. That is the Holy Spirit pushing to clear the air and bring peace. Kennedy is quick to say she is sorry or ask forgiveness too. I thank the Lord that things do not go very long in my house before it is resolved and forgiven.

James 1:19 - Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath (be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger):

If we will just listen and choose our words wisely usually we won't wind up hurting someone else. The Bible says a lot about anger and not keeping company with an angry man (**Prov.22:24-26**). If you have a lot of anger about every little thing, then take it to God and ask for His help to get the anger out of your life.

CLOSING

1 John 1:7-9 – But if we walk in the light, as He (God) is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins (to Him), He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The original language here is continuing present tense – which means continually cleansing, now and continually. It was not a one time deal, just ask once in your life and then don't ever ask for forgiveness again. That's not right. Yes, God forgives all of our sin when we initially come to Him. And even though Jesus died

for all of our sin 2000 years ago, we still ask forgiveness for our sins as we commit them and we will do so until the day we die. That is how any healthy relationship works.

To believe that you never have to ask for forgiveness again outside of initial salvation, would be like a man saying I love you to his wife on their wedding day and then never saying it to her again. She gets her feelings hurt because he never tells her he loves her and then years later he says, well I told you that one time the day I married you. See how flawed that line of thinking is.

Have a continual heart to heart talk with God every day and ask forgiveness for your sins continually. As we mature in the faith we get better about not sinning as much but none of us are perfect. It is so easy to have a wrong thought, wrong motive, lose our patience etc. God's forgiveness is always there for us, we serve a merciful and loving God.

For the people that are very hard for you to forgive, that have hurt you deeply, ask God to help you to forgive them. Let Him know you want to forgive and not hold any unforgiveness at all. Ask Him to forgive you for all the times you have hurt people and let Him know that you forgive everyone that has ever hurt you also. It goes both ways.

PRAYER

We know you will not forgive us if we do not forgive. We want your full blessings flowing in our lives. Please help us to forgive even the deepest of hurts and the meanest of people. Please help us to forgive everyone who has ever wronged us or hurt us in our lifetimes. And please forgive us for all those that we have hurt in our lifetimes who are made in Your image.