

FORGIVENESS – part 2

FROM LAST WEEK:

1. God commands us to "truly" forgive others as He forgives us.
2. To "truly" biblically forgive someone is to release them from all debt, bitterness and resentment.
3. Too many Christians have wounds of sin or offenses caused by others that have never been treated or healed.
4. Too many Christians refuse to meet with someone, who has committed an offense against them, in order to discuss it in a biblical manner as God directs us to do.
5. **IF** we are one of God's children, when we offend someone we will show Christian love and humility by meeting with them, repenting and asking for forgiveness.

MICAH 7:18 - ***18*** *Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy*.

LUKE 6:35 (Paraphrase) - *Love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven*.

MATTHEW 18 - ***15*** *“If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back.* ***16*** *But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses*.

HEBREWS 12 - ***15*** *See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many*.

"FREEDOM OF FORGIVENESS" by David Augsburger - “*Revenge is the most worthless weapon in the world. It ruins the avenger while more firmly confirming the enemy in his wrong. It initiates an endless flight down a bottomless stairway of rancor, reprisals and ruthless retaliation*.”

LUKE 7 - “*You didn’t show any such respect for Me. Her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much—but he who has been forgiven only a little loves little*.”

**SERMON NOTES: Forgiveness - Part 2**

1. A society that readily \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness lives under the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God. One that doesn't, \_\_\_\_\_ itself in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hands of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to forgive. Strive for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the problem. Strive for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Bitterness is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on our spirit that eats away at our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to forgive.
5. Vindictiveness. If you are only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to forgive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you have not forgiven as God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and as Christ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it for us.
6. In order to offer or receive forgiveness, we must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is humility's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. If you have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ with someone in the **present** because of something they did in the **past**, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over, **you have NOT forgiven them**.
8. Christ directly relates our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ with our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to forgive.
9. **TRUTH:** Biblical forgiveness **always** ends in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ relationship.

**QUESTION:** When we forgive others, is that how it ends with us?