

FORGIVENESS LETTING IT GO

Genesis 50:17

Forgiveness : The act of forgiving (willing or able to forgive) .

Church , for some strange reason . We hold on to or remember all the bad things people do or have done to us . The good things are so easily forgotten . Do we know that forgiveness is commanded by God . With no excuses attracted to it . We tend to hold on to things and never let it go . Some Christians will say – (**Hell**) will freeze over before I forgive him or her . **If you don't forgive you will get your chance in Hell to see if it will freeze or not** . Some Christians say that it is hard to forgive . Have you tried it . Some will say , look what they have done to me . How can I forgive them . They hurt me , they stuck a knife in my back , they lied to me . The answer is forgive them and move on and not holding it over there head . Our Lord prayed to his Father and said forgive them for they no not what they do . **Remember He was on the cross (Surely if our Lord can forgive I know we can)** Luke 23:34

1 . Genesis 50:17

A . So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

B . He told us, "You did some cruel and terrible things to Joseph, but you must ask him to forgive you." Now we ask you to please forgive the terrible things we did. After all, we serve the same God that your father worshiped. When Joseph heard this, he started crying.

Forgiveness brings change

2 . Mark 11:25

A . And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

B . Whenever you stand up to pray, you must forgive what others have done to you. Then your Father in heaven will forgive your sins.

3 . Matthew 6:15

A . But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

B . But if you don't forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

We must forgive in order to be forgiven

4 . Matthew 18:21-22

A . Then came **Peter** to him, 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.

B . **Peter came up to the Lord and asked**, "How many times should I forgive someone who does something wrong to me? Is seven times enough?" Jesus answered: Not just seven times, but seventy-seven times!

70 X 7 = 490 TIMES

5 . Luke 6:27

A . But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,

B . This is what I say to all who will listen to me: Love your enemies, and be good to everyone who hates you.

*** And why call ye me , Lord , Lord , and do not the things which I say . (Luke 6:46)**

*** Still talking about forgiveness , to forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover the prisoner was you / me .**

*** Forgiveness is me giving up my right to hurt you for hurting me .**

*** He or she who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he or her themselves must cross .**

6 . Colossians 3:13

A . Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.

B . Put up with each other, and forgive anyone who does you wrong, just as Christ has forgiven you.

*** Forgiveness brings peace , rest , and also stops you from tossing and turning all night long .**

*** Don't forgive it brings , headaches , sleepless nights , attitudes with everybody , no rest , and confused . **So if you enjoy these things don't forgive .****

7 . Luke 6:37

A . Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

B . Jesus said: Don't judge others, and God won't judge you. Don't be hard on others, and God won't be hard on you. Forgive others, and God will forgive you.

*** The words of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ is telling us this . But who is listening ?**

8 . Hebrews 8:12

A . For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

B . I will treat them with kindness, even though they are wicked. I will forget their sins."

* But we cannot forgive and let it go for some reason . If the Lord can we can do it also . **Try it** !

9 . Proverbs 10:12

A . **Hatred stirreth up strifes**: but **love covereth all sins**.

B . **Hatred stirs up trouble**; **love overlooks the wrongs that others do**.

* **Still talking about forgiveness .**

10 . Psalms 130:1-3

A . Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

B . From a sea of troubles I call out to you, LORD. Won't you please listen as I beg for mercy? If you kept record of our sins, no one could last long.

11 . Luke 23:34

A . Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

B . Jesus said, "Father, forgive these people! They don't know what they're doing." While the crowd stood there watching Jesus, the soldiers gambled for his clothes. The leaders insulted him by saying, "He saved others. Now he should save himself, if he really is God's chosen Messiah!"

Remember this , in order to have peace with ourselves . We must forgive and let it go . Forgiveness is a part of our Christian journey .

Hope today , that I have said something . That will help each and everyone of us understand how important forgiveness really is .

There are five things you must do to become a Christians

Hear the word , **Believe** what you have heard , **Repent** , **Confess** , and be **Baptized**

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