

## Chapter 10: "Forgive as God Forgave You"

Colossians 3:13 (NKJV)

bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

### Introduction

"Christians are the most forgiven people in the world. Therefore, we should be the most forgiving people in the world." (204)

The high standard of forgiveness. (Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13)

*Overcoming barriers to forgiveness.* (205)

- Admit you cannot forgive in your \_\_\_\_\_.
- Admit you desperately need God to come in and \_\_\_\_\_ your heart.

### What Forgiveness Is Not (206)

*Forgiveness is not a \_\_\_\_\_.*

- It is an act of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- It involves a series of \_\_\_\_\_.

*Forgiveness is not \_\_\_\_\_.*

- Forgetting is \_\_\_\_\_; forgiving is \_\_\_\_\_
- God's pattern of forgiveness. (Isa 43:25)

*Forgiveness is not \_\_\_\_\_.*

- Excusing is saying, "\_\_\_\_\_."
- You must deal \_\_\_\_\_ with the sin.

### What Forgiveness Is

- Aphīēmi: related to debts paid or cancelled.
- Charizomai: to bestow favor; to give graciously and unconditionally.

"To forgive someone means to \_\_\_\_\_ him or her from liability to suffer punishment or penalty." (207)

Sin creates a \_\_\_\_\_ to God and to the one you sinned against.

*How has God forgiven us?* (208–209)

- I will forgive their wickedness and \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ no more. (Jeremiah 31:34; Isa 43:25)
- \_\_\_\_\_ sin from us as far as the east is from the west. (Psalm 103:12)
- Does not keep a \_\_\_\_\_ of sins; there is forgiveness with God. (Psalm 130:3–4)
- Love keeps no \_\_\_\_\_ of wrongs. (1 Cor 13:5)

*Forgiveness is a \_\_\_\_\_ – a \_\_\_\_\_.* (209)

"I will not \_\_\_\_\_ on this incident."

"I will not \_\_\_\_\_ this incident again and use it against you."

"I will not talk to \_\_\_\_\_ about this incident."

"I will not let this incident stand between us or hinder our personal relationship."

*Forgiveness is a two-stage process.* (210–211)

Stage 1: Having an \_\_\_\_\_ of forgiveness. (Mark 11:25; Luke 6:28; Act 7:60)

Stage 2: \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness. (Luke 17:3–4)

*Does forgiveness remove consequences?*

### Steps to Take to Overcome Unforgiveness (213–218)

- 1) Confirm repentance.
- 2) Renounce sinful attitudes and expectations.
- 3) Assess \_\_\_\_\_ contribution to the problem.
- 4) Recognize God is working for \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Remember \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness. (Matthew 18:21–35)
- 6) Draw on God's \_\_\_\_\_.

### Forgiveness and Reconciliation (219)

- Forgiveness knocks down the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ between you and the other person.
- Reconciliation is the \_\_\_\_\_ of changing attitudes that leads to a change in relationship.

*The replacement principle.* (219–223)

- In \_\_\_\_\_ (Phil 4:4–7)
- In \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor 2:7)
- In \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 3:18)