

“CPR: Christian Principles Revisited”

Forgiveness

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Forgiveness: to grant pardon for or remission of an offense or debt and to give up all claim or account of; to cease to feel resentment.

I. Receive Forgiveness

Bad situation—Bad memory—Pain—Guilt—Living with our shame

Ephesians 1:7

You are not glued to your sin!

1. You **cannot** change your past.
2. You **can** change your present and your future.

Romans 8:28

II. Grant Forgiveness

Christ died for our sins, not only so we could be forgiven, but so we can forgive as well.

What keeps us from forgiving others is rooted in **bitterness**.

Hebrews 12:15; Ephesians 4:31-32; Matthew 18:21-35; Romans 5:8; Luke 6:28; Matthew 5:43-44; Colossians 3:13

You can't expect to be forgiven without being **willing** to forgive!

Luke 23:34

III. Practice Confession

God gives us the practice of confession in order to see ourselves become **healed** and **changed**.

1 John 1:9

Making one cross mark with a piece of chalk: \$1.00
Knowing where to put it: \$9,999.00

Psalms 25:4-5