

## From Forgiven to Faithfulness

Lesson 2: Forgiven! (Philemon)

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### THE BACKGROUND OF FORGIVENESS

1. God's estimate of the lost:  
*It produces deep appreciation for His forgiveness.*
2. Forgiveness enters the ominous picture of man's sinfulness.  
*Mic. 7:18-19. What 2 words are used to describe God's forgiveness?*

### THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF FORGIVENESS

How can God remain just, and yet at the same time justify the ungodly?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ has paid the penalty in our place. Forgiveness is found only in Christ, Who provided it thru His death.
2. God provided a \_\_\_\_\_ of the bloody death of Christ in the animal sacrifices of the Old Testament.
3. God est. that shed blood was the basis of forgiveness as far back as the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (cp. Gen. 3:21 with Heb. 10:18).
4. 1 Jn. 4:10 stresses the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's death. God's \_\_\_\_\_ was satisfied & His \_\_\_\_\_ appeased.
5. God's forgiveness \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ our sins (see Rom. 8:1). It's the precious possession of ev'ryone who's God's child (Jn. 1:12).

### \_\_\_\_\_ OF FORGIVENESS

The ordinances of the church con't. remind Christians of His forgiveness.

1. Baptism  
The command to be baptized for the remission, or forgiveness, of sin has caused much trouble. The key lies in the word "for".
  - A. "For the \_\_\_\_\_ of" or "in order to".
  - B. " \_\_\_\_\_ of" or "on the basis of".
2. The Lord's Supper

## THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF FORGIVENESS

Those forgiven by God are to proclaim His forgiveness to others. See the Great Commission of Luke 24:47-48. See also Acts 10:42-43; 13:38-39.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ asked forgiveness for those who put Him to death by crucifixion (Luke 23:34).
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ told Christians to follow the example of Christ. Jesus did not return evil for evil (1 Pet. 2:23).
  - C. In what ways did \_\_\_\_\_ follow Christ's example (Acts 7:59-60).
2. The \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. The Lord taught that Christians must not \_\_\_\_\_ their forgiveness to a \_\_\_\_\_ no. of times.
  - B. The Lord illustrated His teaching with a story. He told about a king who had a servant. The servant owed that king an enormous amount of money. The king forgave the debt that the servant could not pay. But the forgiven servant was not willing to forgive a much smaller debt of a person who owed him money. See Matthew 18:21-35.

### SOME FURTHER THOUGHTS:

1. What forgiveness is NOT:
  - A. A \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 17:3-10)
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ sin
2. What forgiveness IS:

Forgiveness is a lifting of the charge of guilt from another, a formal declaration of that fact and a promise (made and kept) never to remember the wrong against him in the future.

  - A. Forgiveness is a decision — a \_\_\_\_\_ to:
  - B. An act of the \_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_.