



FORGIVENESS

FORGIVEN & FORGIVING

Forgiveness

“The act of pardoning somebody for a mistake or wrongdoing.”

“Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the GREATNESS OF YOUR MERCY, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now”
(Num. 14:19)

other passages: Ezek. 18:4, 20; Rom. 6:23; Jas. 5:20



Forgiveness & Vengeance

- **Forgiveness is popular to “talk” about, but is not popular to do!**
- **Vengeance is not so popular to “talk” about, but is often the most popular thing to pursue!**

Some Common Questions Regarding **FORGIVENESS**

- Can we be sure of God's forgiveness?
- How and when are we supposed to confess our sins?
- Does God require that I unconditionally forgive another with no repentance?
- Does forgiveness remove earthly consequences?
- If I forgive, what about justice?
- What about godly men who prayed for vengeance?
- Does forgiveness require absolute forgetfulness?
- Is apologizing always the same as asking for forgiveness?
- How do I hate the sin and love the sinner?

LIFE-RANSOM



“FOR EVEN THE SON OF MAN DID
NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO
SERVE, AND TO GIVE HIS
LIFE A RANSOM
FOR MANY.”

(Mark 10:45)

THE GRAVITY OF SIN

TENDENCY: minimize my sin magnify another's

MATTHEW 7:2-5

² For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. ³ And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? ⁵ Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

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“Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted” (Gal. 6:1)

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How God Sees “The Unforgiven”

Isaiah 1:18, “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the LORD, ‘Though your sins are like **scarlet**, They shall be as white as **snow**; Though they are **red like crimson**, They shall be as **wool**.’”

Seeing Our Sins
AS GOD DOES