

Forgiveness Matthew 18:21-22

What is forgiveness?

Can we have forgiveness?

Can we forgive and not forget?

Can we forgive and hold the offender on probation?

Can we forgive if the brother does not repent?

These questions are often asked and need answering

We must try to find God's will concerning forgiveness

Attitude Restores Offender To Former State And Affections

Forgiveness will bury matter, treat as though had not been committed

Forgiveness is man's deepest need and highest achievement

Never does the human soul appear so strong as when it foregoes revenge and dares to forgive

Forgiveness is not delayed judgment

Cannot hold the offender on probation

This is burying the hatchet with the handle out - **Matthew 18:35**

Cannot forgive and not forget - **Hebrews 10:17**

Cannot forgive and constantly remind of sin

Can we forgive if the person does not repent? - **Luke 17:3**

Necessary steps to take in effecting repentance - **Matthew 18:15-17**

If doesn't repent must still have kind, tender feeling toward brother - **Matthew 5:44; Romans 12:19-21;**

Psalms 86:5

Look At Peter's Question & Christ's Answer Matthew 18:21-22

Is 7 times generous? Is 490 enough? Christ shows a continuous process - **Luke 17:3-4**

Parable Concerning Forgiveness Matthew 18:23-35

Millions forgiven by the king; Servant refused to forgive less than \$20

King rescinded, delivered servant to tormentors till all was paid - **Matthew 18:35; Matthew 6:14-15**

He who never forgives breaks bridge over which he must pass

When we see the enormity of our sins and are grateful for God's forgiveness sin of our fellowman toward us seems so small - **Romans 5:8**

Such a comparison makes it easier to forgive

Many Other Scriptures Teach Us To Forgive

Luke 23:34; Colossians 3:13; Matthew 7:12; Acts 7:60

Love calls for forgiveness - **1Corinthians 13:4-7; 1Peter 4:8; Romans 14:19**

Forgiving Makes For Peace And Pleasantness

A person who has a forgiving spirit does not carry his feelings around on his shoulder nor revenge in his heart.

The forgiving and merciful heart makes allowances: for temper, training, nationality, education or the lack of it, and endeavors to view offenders as generously as possible - **Romans 12:18**

Richard Baxter, in his old age, said: "I see that good men are not so good as I once thought they were, and found that few men are as bad as their enemies thought."

God has completed his part in making our forgiveness possible, now we must do our part - **1John 1:9;**

Matthew 6:14-15

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