

“The High Cost Of Unforgiveness”

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Mat 6:1 (KJV), Mat 6:9-15 (KJV), Mat 6:14 (NKJV & NIV)

Introduction

- ❖ Jesus Christ, who obtained eternal redemption for us (*Hebrews 9:12*) and has forgiven us all our trespasses (*Colossians 2:13*), now requires that we extend this grace to others.
- ◆ Forgiving others is an _____ only you can exercise; you are never forced to forgive.

I. Forgiveness

- ❖ _____ - Comes from the Greek word CHARIZOMAI (khar-id'-zomahee), meaning to grant as a favor, gratuitously, in kindness, pardon or rescue, deliver, forgive (freely), give, grant.
- ❖ _____ - Comes from the Greek word APHIEMI (af-ee'-ay-mee), meaning to send forth, forsake, lay aside, leave, omit, put away, remit, yield up.

Luke 6:37 (KJV)

- ❖ Forgive and forgiven as used here comes from the Greek word APOLUO (ap-ol-oo'-o), which means to relieve, release, dismiss, let die, pardon, let go, loose, put (send) away, set at liberty.

II. We Need Forgiveness

- ❖ Every person on the face of this earth has need of this precious commodity of _____: which God has designed to deal with the sin problem.

Sinners Need Forgiveness

Rom 3:23 (KJV), Acts 17:30; Luke 13:3; Mark 2:17; Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38

- ❖ Forgiveness of sins, an act of graciousness only _____ can _____.

Isaiah 59:1-2:

Christians Need Forgiveness

Romans 7:21 (KJV)

- ❖ Christians are commanded not to sin; but IF they do so forgiveness is provided for them...

Romans 6:1-2 (KJV), 1 John 2:1-2 (KJV)

1 John 1:7-9; 2:1-2; Proverbs 28:13; Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 15:11-32

Matthew 6:12 “...Offences will come, brethren will err, others will become our debtors.”

Matthew 18:15-17 “...brethren will trespass against brethren.”

Matthew 7:1-5 "...motes and beams will be in the eyes of brethren."

Colossians 3:13 "...quarrels will arise."

Galatians 6: 1 "...and faults will overtake some."

Matthew 18:21-22 (KJV & NLT)

III. But If We Forgive Not

Mat 6:15 (NIV)

- ❖ Looking at this negative aspect of our study on forgiveness, we are brought face to face with a tremendous power within us - the ability to _____ or not to _____.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5, John 1:6-12; 2:1-7; Revelations 12:10

IV. Cost of Unforgiveness

A. _____

Matthew 6:14-15 (KJV) & Mark 11:26 (KJV) & Luke 6:37 (KJV)

B. _____

- ◆ Release from our faults... - *Galatians 6:1 (KJV)*
- ◆ Erring - *James 5:19-20 (KJV)*
- ◆ Trespasses - *Matthew 18:15-17 (KJV)*
- ◆ And anything is obtained only when we forgive others. - *Mark 11:24-26 (NKJV)*

C. _____

- ◆ Forgiving others _____ God to forgive us of our sins.

Luke 6:36-37 (NKJV)

D. _____

Matthew 6:9-13, Mark 11:24-26 (NKJV)

E. _____

1 John 1:7 (NKJV), Ephesians 4:32 (KJV), Colossians 3:13 (KJV), Luke 17:3-4 (KJV), Matthew 18:15-22 (KJV), 1 John 2:9-11 (NKJV)

F. _____

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 (NKJV)

- ◆ When we fail to forgive another, we create within our own heart and mind evil thoughts toward that person.

James 5:9 (KJV), Ephesians 4:31-32 (NKJV)

G. _____

V. Choose To Forgive

- ❖ Those who win the forgiveness battle and choose to forgive - **and it is an option** - become the richer for it, both now and eternally.
- ❖ Regardless of whether the one that wronged us ever repents or not, we must forgive them or else suffer the consequences we've pointed out above.
- ❖ As Christians, these are the ones you and I should pattern our lives after.
 1. _____ - (*Genesis 45:1-15; 50:15-21*).
 2. _____ - (*Luke 23:34*). "*Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do...*"
 3. _____ - (*Acts 7:59-60*). "*...Lord, lay not this sin to their charge...*"
- ◆ Others in the Bible, along with saints you personally know, have provided you with an exemplary spirit when it comes to forgiveness; these you must follow.
- ❖ There are also examples of those who chose NOT to forgive.
 1. _____ - (*Genesis 4:1-16; I John 3:11-15*).
 2. _____ - (*Genesis 33: 1 - 15; Obadiah 1:1-16; Hebrews 12:14-16*).
 3. _____ - (*1 Samuel 18:1-30*)
 4. Elder brother to the prodigal son - (*Luke 15:11-32*).
- ❖ The thing we need most and must have **FORGIVENESS** -- we often withhold from others ... when we have the power to give it.

Conclusion

- ❖ Sin makes us in God's eyes red like crimson and as scarlet.

Isaiah 1:18 (KJV)

- ❖ **Forgiveness!** We need it, but to obtain it, we must give it. God has forgiven us, now let's forgive others. Doing so reverses all the evil consequences and brings lasting blessings to our lives.