



"Forgiveness"
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*"Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive."
Colossians 3:13*

Definition of Forgive: to SEND away, to LET go, give up a debt, to LEAVE, go way from one in order to go to another place.

Some lessons on forgiveness:

1. Forgiveness is foundational to the MESSAGE of Christ.
Matthew 26:28
 - a. Jesus PREACHED forgiveness.
Lk 6:37, Matt 6:15, Mark 11:25
 - b. Jesus GAVE forgiveness.
Mark 2:5, Luke 5:12, Luke 7:47-48
 - c. Jesus DISPLAYED forgiveness. Luke 23:34

2. Forgiveness is essential to our LIFE in Christ.
Matthew 23:24
 - a. Forgiveness is EXPECTED of us.
Mark 11:25, Matthew 6:12
 - b. Forgiveness is COMMANDED of us.
Luke 17:4, Matthew 18:21-22
 - c. Forgiveness UNIFIES us.
Colossians 3:12-14

3. Forgiveness displays the GLORY of Christ.
Acts 7:54-60, Colossians 3:13
 - Our forgiveness TESTIFIES that Christ is in us.
Galatians 2:20, Matthew 18:23-35,

Questions to Consider

- Am I carrying unforgiveness in my heart this morning?
- Who do I need to forgive?

What is the Holy Spirit prompting me to do?
