

Transforming Life 2

Biblical counseling services of Nashville

Week One: Forgiveness

INTRO

Forgiveness--Man's greatest need: Ro. 6:23; Rev. 20:11-15

1. Three Important Words

1. Charizomai = 'to bestow a _____ unconditionally.'
2. Aphiemí = 'to send away; to _____.'
3. Apoluo = 'to _____.'

1. God's Forgiveness

1. _____: one-time act; God as Judge (Ro. 4:3-8); Col. 2:12-14).
2. _____: re-occurring, ongoing, relational; God as Father (Mt. 6:14-15; Jn. 13:5-10; 1 Jn. 1:9).

You are never more like _____ than when you forgive.

1. Man's Forgiveness

Definition: Choosing to give up my right to _____ and hold a grudge or willfully holding on to the _____ of a hurt. It is a promise of a _____.

1. Forgiving is an act of obedience; not a _____: Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13

Mt. 5:22-23 "Forgiven people forgive people."

"The offences against you are the trials that _____ you."

2. Forgiving is not 'forgetting.' Forgetting is _____.

3. Forgiving is '_____ not to remember' (Jer. 31:34), which is _____.

Moravian missionaries word for forgiveness: Issumagjougungnainermik

Which translates: "Not being able to think about the offense anymore."

4. Forgiving involves a four-fold commitment:

- 1) A promise never to remind _____ of your sin.
- 2) A promise not to mention it to _____ else.
- 3) A promise not to bring it up to _____.
- 4) A promise not to allow _____ mind to dwell on it.

II. How Should We Forgive?

1. The Attitude of Forgiveness: Unconditional
Mark 11:25

This is having a heart _____ to forgive like God:
“For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive” (Ps. 86:5).

Gk apoluo, ‘to let go; loose; to _____; send away’ as in Lk. 6:37.

Forgiveness from the _____: (Mt. 18:35).

Forgiveness in _____: (Lk. 11:4).

2. The _____ of Forgiveness: Conditional

Those who do not _____ do not receive the forgiveness of God (Lk. 3:3;
Acts 2:38).

This means, we should not say, “I forgive you” unless they _____ their sin
and _____.

Lk. 17:3-4

3. The Nature of Forgiveness
2 Cor. 2:5-8:

- 1) We _____ the repentant sinner.
- 2) We _____ the repentant sinner.
- 3) We reaffirm our _____ for the repentant sinner.

4. Wrong Concepts of Forgiveness

- 1) 'Forgive & _____'
- 2) Apologizing
- 3) Forgiving _____
- 4) Forgiveness based upon _____
- 5) Forgiving _____

Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven.

And whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin.

Romans 4:7-8

Recommended Resources for Further Study:

v From Forgiven to Forgiving; Jay Adams

v The Freedom and Power of Forgiveness; John MacArthur

v Choosing Forgiveness; Your Forgiveness; Nancy Leigh DeMoss