

Forgiveness

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Matthew 6:9-15; Colossians 3:12-14

- I. The Command to Forgive
 - A. What is forgiveness?
 - B. *Part of* the Old Covenant (Numbers 14:18)
 - C. *The heart of* the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:34; 50:20; Hebrews 12:24)
 - D. Jesus' call to forgive (Matthew 9:12; 18:23-35)
 - E. The warning to those who do not forgive (Matthew 9:14-15).

- II. The Way to Forgive
 - A. Forgive those who ask
 - B. Forgive those who *don't* ask (Luke 23:34; Psalm 51:4; Matthew 5:44).
 - C. Wisely restore

- III. The Reason to Forgive
 - A. The cross of Christ
 - B. The triumph of Christ (John 1:5; 1 Corinthians 2:7-8; Revelation 5:5)
 - C. A deathly task (James 3:10; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18)

- IV. The Way to Forgive
 - A. Put on the forgiveness of Christ (Colossians 3:12-14)
 - B. Die to yourself
 - C. Live in the freedom of the resurrection (Isaiah 25:11)
 - D. Love