

THE TRANSACTION OF GOSPEL LOVE - FORGIVENESS

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INTRODUCTION

1. Transaction - exchange of gospel commodities: repentance & forgiveness. Last study: transact confession of sin. Rehearse gospel to overcome threat of death of relationship due to sin. [Eph 4:32-5:2](#)

2. Church as "boot camp" - train to keep good conscience & overcome.

1st: The Transaction of Gospel Love - Forgiveness

1. [Lk 17:1-5](#) forgive repenters by faith in power of gospel.

2. Conscience demands retribution. Tempted to retaliate [R 12:18-19](#). "Eye for eye" [Ex 21; Lev 24; Dt 19] to prevent extensive vengeance/vengeance

3. When sinned against, conscience cries for retribution. Is forgiveness just?

i. Forgiveness = release from paying penalty, punishment.

ii. Can the penalty for sin simply be canceled - is that just?

a. [Eph 4:32,5:1](#) forgiven on basis of Jesus' death as sacrifice for sin

b. [Heb 2:17](#) expiation [removal] & *propitiation* [appease].

c. [Rm 5:8-13](#) cross & resurrection - *the reconciliation*

iii. See our Father's love for us? Imitate Him: act on basis of Jesus: gospel

iv. Satisfy demands of conscience's demand for justice on basis of Jesus' death & resurrection: propitiation for my sin & the "repenter's" sin. What has propitiated God's wrath is sufficient to propitiate my wrath.

4. Forgiveness requires a transaction: [Lk 17:3-4](#) *be on guard* - not to apply the gospel in the face of confession of sin is dangerous - *be on guard*.

i. Repenter asks for an exchange of gospel goods: he offers repentance in exchange for forgiveness

ii. Do not fall short of forgiveness - mere subjective feelings.

iii. Forgiveness requires transaction: repenter given forgiveness, transacted with WORDS - express gospel to repenter & apply gospel prayer.

a. [2C 2:6-11](#) restore *in presence of Christ* - beware: Satan's tactic

b. [Col 3:17](#) - *thanks to Christ*

iv. Forgiveness evidences that we are forgiven [Mt 6:12, 14-15].

5. Forgiveness as promises based on our union w/ Christ: promise to forget sin & not set relationship in relation to sin but in relation to Christ.

6. Reconciliation does not mean "no repercussions". Cf. David - adultery & murder; census - forgiven, yet disciplined [2S 7:14; Hb 12:6].

7. Forgiveness reestablishes the legal foundation: justification in Christ & can unite in worship & rebuild intimacy - illustration of zipper.

8. Word to unconverted. You must be reconciled to God first in order to enjoy blessings of "gospel love" in personal relationships

9. How does all this apply to relationship with an unbeliever who does not repent & does not bring the gospel into the relationship? R 12:17-21

10. Word to Christian - we must overcome in gospel love - [Col 3:12-14](#)