

## **Forgive One Another (April 4, 2021)**

*Luke 23:24* Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."

*Ephesians 4:32* Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

*Colossians 3:13* Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

### **God is ready to forgive everyone**

*Psalm 86:5* O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive, so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help.

*1 John 1:9* But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

### **God's forgiveness also forgets**

*Hebrews 8:12* And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins."

*Hebrews 10:17* Then he says, "I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds."

*Psalm 103:12* He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.

*Proverbs 17:9* Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends.

### **God forgives willingly and freely**

*Isaiah 43:25* "I-- yes, I alone-- will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again.

*Daniel 9:9* But the Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him.

## **God forgives all sins**

*Psalm 103:2-3* <sup>2</sup> Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me. <sup>3</sup> He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.

*1 Timothy 1:15-16* <sup>15</sup> This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"-- and I am the worst of them all. <sup>16</sup> But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.

## **God's forgiveness leads us away from sin**

*Romans 8:1-2* So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

## **God's forgiveness never runs out**

*Romans 5:20* God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant.

*Matthew 18:21-22* <sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" <sup>22</sup> "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!"

## **Why is forgiveness so important at Easter?**

*Ephesians 1:7-8* <sup>7</sup> He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. <sup>8</sup> He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

*Colossians 1:13-14* <sup>13</sup> For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, <sup>14</sup> who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

**So what do I have to do to make sure that I have that forgiveness to find that life today?**

**Luke 6:36-37** <sup>36</sup> *You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.*  
<sup>37</sup> *"Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven."*

**Matthew 6:14-15** *"If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins."*