

_____ is the act of pardoning another person despite their shortcomings and offenses.

A benefit of forgiveness is that it _____ feelings of anger or resentment toward someone for an offense, flaw, or mistake.

Theologically, death in the Bible is understood as _____ not cessation.

Humans are born separated from _____, but not from His _____.

For God to forgive sin, two conditions are necessary. A _____ must be taken as a substitute for that of the sinner, and the sinner must come to God's sacrifice in a spirit of _____ and _____.

The Bible teaches that God completely forgives _____. The initiative comes from Him because He is ready to forgive. He is a God of _____ and _____.

God's forgiveness of your sin _____ you to forgive others.

A _____ spirit shows that one is a true follower of Christ.

Life Group Ice Breaker

1. Can you recount a time in life when you were forgiven for a shortcoming or offense? How did that make you feel?

Discussion Questions

2. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?
3. Offer an explanation as to why people in general find it hard to forgive?
4. Is it possible to forgive and forget? Do consequences remain after forgiveness is granted? Explain.

5. What messages on forgiveness did Jesus teach from the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant? (Matthew 18:21-35)

Application Questions & Prayer

6. How do you forgive someone who has already died and left this life? Does this apply to anyone in your life?

7. What analogy can you think of that best describes the emotions that accompany true forgiveness?

8. Pray as the Holy Spirit leads for you to be obedient and bold in forgiving anyone in your life who needs it.

Scripture References

Colossians 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Hebrews 12:15 See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Genesis 2:17 (God said) "you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Genesis 3:23a So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden...

Leviticus 17:11 For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

Acts 10:43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Isaiah 38:17b In your love you kept me from the pit of destruction; you have put all my sins behind your back.

Psalms 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Isaiah 43:25 "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more."

Luke 17:3-4 "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. ⁴ Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them."

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.