

Forgive

- 25 And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

Mark 11:25

- 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Eph. 4:32

- 12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Col. 3:12-13

- 5 Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you.

6 For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough,

7 so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

2Cor. 2:5-7

- 21 Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

- Matt. 18:21-22

- 14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,  
15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Matt. 6:14-15

# Forgive

- Charizomai – to deal graciously with
- Aphesis – discharge (as a debt)
- Paresis – passing over
- Apolyo – to release

# God's forgiveness

- Sin is cast “into the depths of the sea” (Micah 7:19),
- removed “as far as the east is from the west” (Ps 103:12),
- hid behind God's back (Isa 38:17),
- “remembered no more” (Jer 31:34).
- The stain/soil of sin is bleached white (Isa 1:18).
- Sin, which burdens like a weight, is forever lifted and remitted.

# God's Forgiveness

- God Forgives –
- NOT indiscriminate or universal
- Conditions –
  - repentance –
  - (confession, prayer, baptism)

# God's Attitude

- Desires repentance
- NOT desire punishment
- Makes 1<sup>st</sup> move
- Provides means / way to return
- Reproves -

# Our Problem

- Sin vs. displeasure
- Reprove
- Gracious in attitude – desiring repentance
- Repent – forgive
- If possible – restore relationship

# Not Repent ?

- Not restore relationship
- Still seek their repentance
  - rebuke / exhort
- YET – not MY part to punish, meet out justice.

# Not Repent ?

- Like God –
  - desire to forgive
  - make the 1<sup>st</sup> move
  - provide the way / means

