

Putting on Forgiveness

Ephesians 4:17-32

Don't Live as Unbelievers Do (vs. 17-19)

Romans 1:21

Live as a Renewed Person (vs. 20-32)

A. You are a renewed person (vs. 20-24)

1. A truth – you are a renewed person

Colossians 3:9-10

2. A command - think like a renewed person

Romans 12:1-2

Colossians 3:1-2

B. Act like a renewed person (vs. 25-32)

Your new behavior must be consistent with the kind of person you have become in Christ.

5 practices that should characterize our life:

“don't lie, rather tell the truth” (vs. 25)

“don't lose your temper, rather ensure that your anger is not manifested in a sinful way” (vs. 26-27)

“don't steal, rather work hard with your hands” (vs. 28)

“don't use your mouth for evil, rather use it for good – to build others up” (vs. 29-30)

“get rid of all kinds of behavior that is improper for a Christian, rather be kind and forgive each other”

C. Forgive one another (vs. 32)

How has God forgiven us?

It isn't that we must forgive because Jesus *will* forgive us. We forgive because He *has* forgiven us.

1. Forgiveness is not an emotional state –
2. Forgiveness is not denial –
3. Forgiveness is not leniency or overlooking sin –
4. Forgiveness is not earned –
5. Forgiveness is not the same as trust or restoration –
Forgiveness is to set a prisoner free, and to realize the prisoner was you
6. Forgiveness is not a one-time event -

Seeking Forgiveness: The Seven A's of Confession

Address everyone involved

Avoid “if”, “but”, and “maybe”

Admit specifically

Acknowledge the hurt

Accept the consequences

Alter your behavior

Ask for forgiveness

Granting Forgiveness: The 4 promises of Forgiveness

A. I promise I will not dwell on this incident.

B. I promise I will not bring up this incident again or use it against you.

C. I promise I will not talk to others about this incident.

D. I promise I will not allow this incident to stand between us or hinder our personal relationship

Good Thought

Hurt You Not

Gossip Never

Friends Forever

God's GPS system

Grace of God –

Presence of God –

Sovereignty of God –