



FORGIVENESS

2-21-18

- Perfect Forgiveness – Luke 23:34
“Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”

- People mocked Jesus and beat Him –
Luke 22: 63-65

- Jesus was beaten beyond reconciliation –
Isaiah 52:14

- People had three illegal trials:
 1. Luke 22:66-71 – Before Council
 2. Luke 23:1-5 – Before Pilot
 3. Luke 23:6-17 – Before HerodJesus was crucified – Luke 23:44-46
“Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit.”

- Only Jesus has the ability to give perfect forgiveness.
 - A. Romans 10:9-11
After all that man did to Christ, He forgave us and produced a path to

salvation, forgiveness of sin – past,
present, and future.

- Only God can truly forgive and forget our sin.
 - A. Psalm 103:10-14 “As far as the East is from the West”
 - B. Hebrews 10:16-17 “I will remember their sin and lawless deeds no more.”

- So, what does that mean to us?

Matthew 18:21
Forgiveness is to be ongoing.

Matthew 18:22-24
At \$15/hour, a talent would equal
\$600,000.
10,000 talents would = \$6 billion

- Matthew 18:25-27
The master forgave all his debt
- Matthew 18:38
Hundred Denarii – equal to \$12,000 in today’s terms.
Non-forgiveness showed his true wicked nature and not being changed by forgiveness of his master.

- Matthew 18:29-30
How wrong of us to not forgive when the Father has forgiven so much.
- Matthew 18:31-35
The master turned him over to the jailers.
(NAS uses torturers.)

What are some of the torturers that will manifest in our lives if we don't forgive:

1. Anger
2. Bitterness
3. Harden heart
4. Self-righteousness
5. Envy
6. Skepticism
7. Mental health issues
8. Jealously
9. Unhealthy behaviors
10. Guilt

It is just as important to forgive ourselves as it is to forgive others.

- Billy Graham once said, "If we could deal with guilt in our lives, most of the mental institutions would be empty".

We are to forgive even if we are not forgiven.
Romans 12:18 – "If possible, so far as it depends on you live peaceably with all."

- Galatians 6:1-2 – "Bearing one another's burdens."

- “Restore him in a spirit of gentleness.”

Paul gave us a great example how to forgive and move on:

Philippians 3:12-16 – “Forget what was behind and look forward to what is ahead in Christ Jesus.”

Versus on Forgiveness:

- Colossians 3:13
Forgive as Christ forgave you
- Matthew 6:14-15
If you forgive others, Christ will forgive you.
- Luke 17:3-4
If your brother sins against you, forgive them”
- Ephesians 4:31-23
Forgive as Christ forgave us.
- I John 1:9
Confess your sin and He will forgive (ALL)
- Isaiah 43:25-26
He blots out our sins
- Acts 3:19
Repent – receive times of refreshing
- Colossians 1:13-14
We have redemption from forgiveness
- Mark 11:25
Hold nothing against your brother

Questions

1. Thoughts on tonight's lesson?
2. Must I forgive a person if they continue to hurt me?
3. Is there someone you are having a difficult time forgiving? Why?
4. How do you forgive?
5. How do you know if you have forgiven?
6. Can you share a time when you have forgiven someone and how it gave you freedom?
7. How do you handle unforgiveness from someone you have forgiven?
8. Are you able to forgive yourself? If not, why?
9. Can you relate to any of the torturers that were listed?
10. How do we move forward after forgiving and being forgiven?