

Cornerstones Of Faith

“Pardon”

Luke 23:32-43

One of the Great Principles of the Christian life is Forgiveness.

Because Jesus Completely Forgave US, He Wants US to Follow His Example by Forgiving Others. (Ephesians 4:32-5:1)

The Bible gives us Several Important Characteristics of Forgiveness that WE should have for Others.

- 1. FORGIVENESS FIRST COMES FROM GOD (Mark 11:25-26)**
 - An Attitude of UNforgiveness can also Hinder OUR prayer life. (Psalm 66:18)
 - God's Forgiveness is ENTIRELY Dependent upon what was Accomplished for you by Jesus Dying on the Cross.
 - IF you AREN'T Willing to Forgive Others, one might Wonder if you know ANYTHING about God's Forgiveness.
- 2. FORGIVENESS KNOWS NO LIMITS (Matthew 18:21-35)**
 - Jesus was Teaching us to Extend UNLIMITED Forgiveness to others.
 - WE, As Sinners, have been Forgiven SO MUCH; therefore, we Ought to Forgive those who Offend us, no matter how badly we've Been Hurt.
 - For a Christian, NO WRONG is Too Great or Too Small to forgive.
- 3. FORGIVENESS IS NOT SELECTIVE (Matthew 5:43-48)**
 - We ARE NOT at Liberty to Forgive SOME People but NOT Forgive OTHERS.
 - The Bible is FULL of Examples of Believers Being Filled with the Godly Ability to Forgive...(Genesis 45:1-8, 15; 1 Samuel 24:10, 16-19; Acts 7:59-60)
 - The Ultimate Example of forgiving one's enemies comes from Jesus. (Luke 23:34)
- 4. FORGIVENESS BREAKS DOWN WALLS (Colossians 3:12-13)**
 - “Remember, the Lord Forgave YOU, so YOU must Forgive OTHERS.”
 - YOU'LL Never Enjoy the Peace of God while Harboring a Grudge of UNforgiveness.
 - UNforgiveness, like Cancer, affects those AROUND YOU.
 - Most importantly, UNforgiveness steals your Intimate Fellowship with GOD.
 - When you CHOOSE to Forgive you will experience TRUE Freedom.