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- WHAT IT MEANS TO FORGIVE?
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- WHY MUST I FORGIVE?
- HOW CAN I FORGIVE?

Matthew 18:21–35 (NKJV)

²¹ Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. ²³ Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. ²⁶ The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ ²⁷ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ “But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’

Matthew 18:21–35 (NKJV)

²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ ³⁰ And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. ³¹ So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. ³² Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. ³³ Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ ³⁴ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. ³⁵ “So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

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Strong's - G863 - ἀφίημι *aphiēmi af-ee'-ay-mee*

From G575 and ἵημι *hiēmi* (to *send*; an intensive form of εἶμι *eimi* (to *go*)); to *send forth*, in various applications: - cry, forgive, forsake, lay aside, leave, let (alone, be, go, have), omit, put (send) away, remit, suffer, yield up.

Merriam-Webster - 1 : to give up resentment of 2 : pardon, absolve 3 : to grant relief from payment of — *for•giv•able* *adj* — *for•give•ness* *n*

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B Forgiveness (40.8–40.13) 40.8 ἀφίημι^f; ἄφεσις^a, εως^f; ἀπολύω^e: to remove the guilt resulting from wrongdoing—‘to pardon, to forgive, forgiveness. ... It is extremely important to note that the focus in the meanings of ἀφίημι^f, ἄφεσις^a, and ἀπολύω^e is upon the guilt of the wrongdoer and not upon the wrongdoing itself. The event of wrongdoing is not undone, but the guilt resulting from such an event is pardoned. To forgive, therefore, means essentially to remove the guilt resulting from wrongdoing.

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition.). New York: United Bible Societies.



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Vines - FORGIVE, FORGAVE, FORGIVENESS - V
1.aphiemi (ἀφίημι, 863), primarily, “to send forth, send away” ... denotes, besides its other meanings, “to remit or forgive” (a) debts, Matt. 6:12; 18:27, 32, these being completely cancelled; (b) sins, e.g., Matt. 9:2, 5, 6; 12:31, 32; Acts 8:22 ... Rom. 4:7; Jas. 5:15; 1 John 1:9; 2:12. In this latter respect the verb, like its corresponding noun (below), firstly signifies the remission of the punishment due to sinful conduct, the deliverance of the sinner from the penalty divinely, and therefore righteously, imposed; secondly, it involves the complete removal of the cause of offense; such remission is based upon the vicarious and propitiatory sacrifice of Christ.



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Human “forgiveness” is to be strictly
analogous to divine “forgiveness,” e.g., Matt.
6:12. If certain conditions are fulfilled, there
is no limitation to Christ’s law of
“forgiveness,” Matt. 18:21, 22. The
conditions are repentance and confession,
Matt. 18:15-17; Luke 17:3.



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2. *charizomai* (χαρίζομαι, 5483), “to bestow a favor unconditionally,” is used of the act of “forgiveness,” whether divine, Eph. 4:32; Col. 2:13; 3:13; or human, Luke 7:42, 43 (debt); 2 Cor. 2:7, 10; 12:13; Eph. 4:32 (1st mention). Paul uses this word frequently, but No. 1 only, in Rom. 4:7, in this sense of the word. See deliver.

Note:- I would use the term - “**undeservingly**” instead of “**unconditionally**” - all of the passages used emphasize the aspect of grace needed in order for the forgiveness to be “given.” - Lk 7:42, 43



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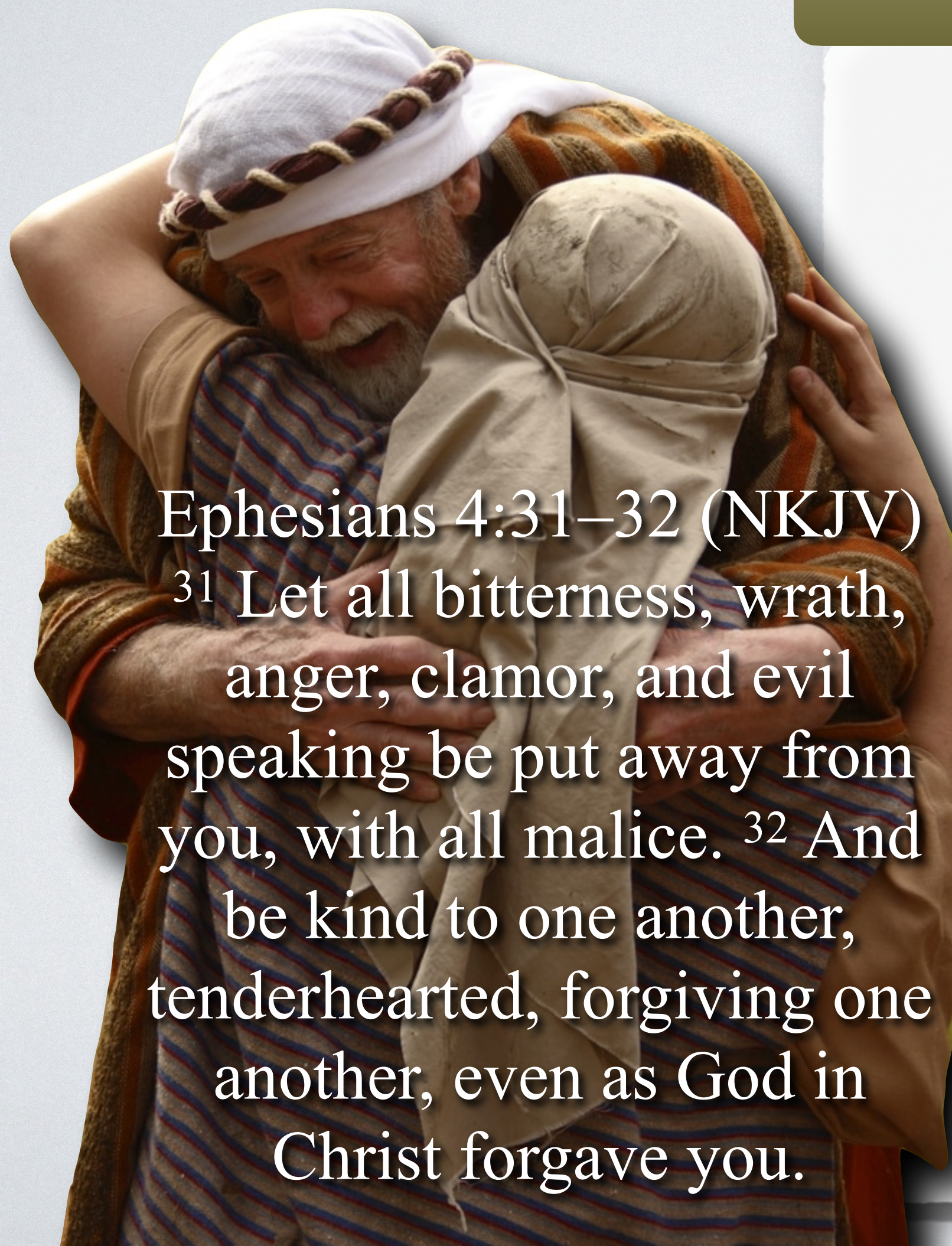
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■ A HEART TO FORGIVE:

- ▶ To put away anger, bitterness - to not hold a grudge - to be kind tender hearted - Eph 4:26–32; Heb 12:15

Ephesians 4:31–32 (NKJV)

³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. ³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.



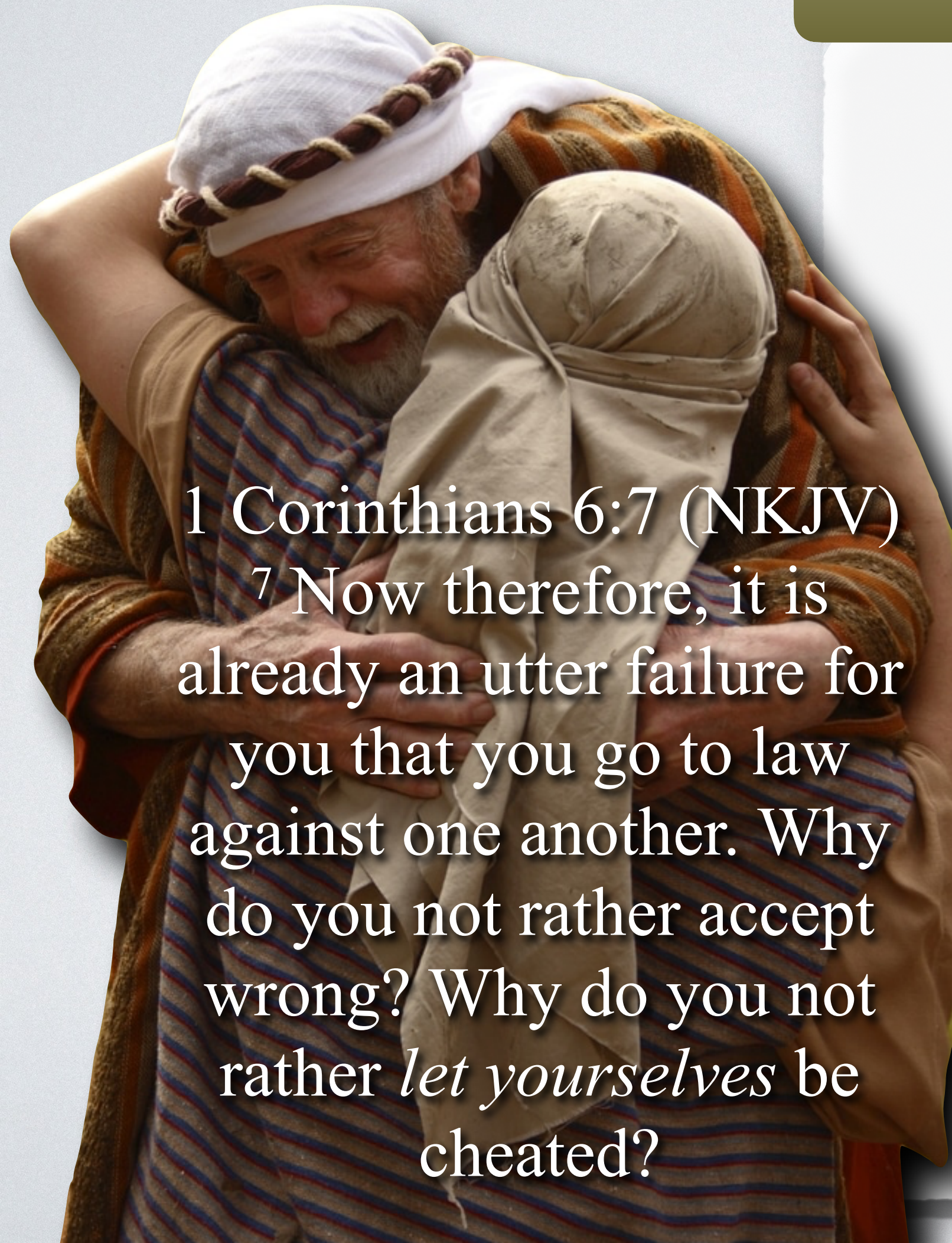
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■ A HEART TO FORGIVE:

- ▶ To put away anger, bitterness - to not hold a grudge - to be kind, tender hearted - Eph 4:26–32; Heb 12:15
- ▶ To turn the other cheek - No vengeful thoughts - Love enemies - take loss - Mat 5:38-48; 1 Cor 6:7



1 Corinthians 6:7 (NKJV)
7 Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather *let yourselves* be cheated?

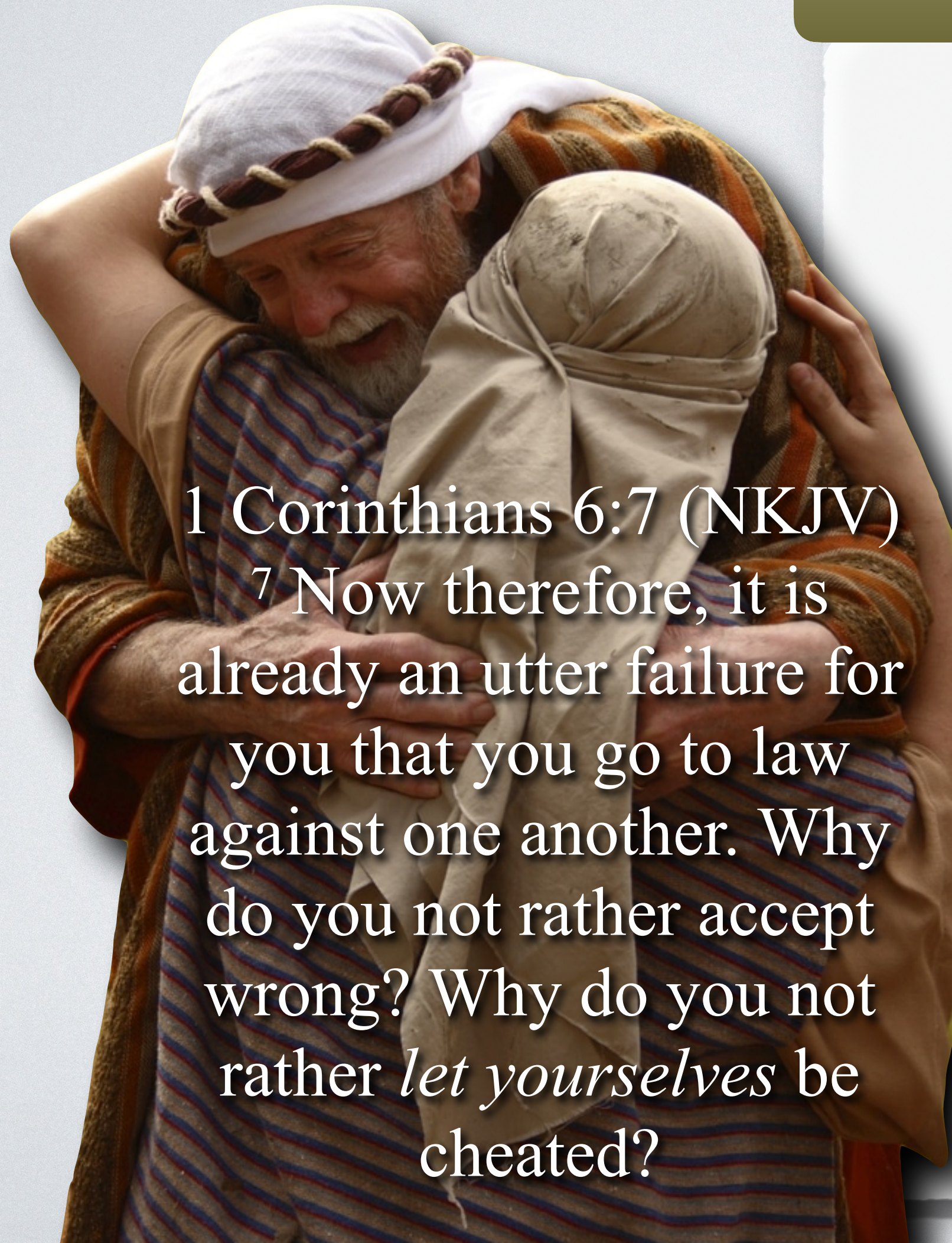
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■ FULL FORGIVENESS:

- ▶ To remove the barrier between two parties - thus making reconciliation & fellowship possible - 1 Jn 1:5-8; Mat 18:15-20; Eph 2:16; Col 3:12-15; 2 Cor. 2:3-11
- ▶ Such forgiveness is **CONDITIONED** on acknowledgment & a penitent request - 1 Jn 1:9; Eph 4:32; Luke 17:3,4; Mat 18:15



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MATTHEW 18

- **HUMILITY** - THE ESSENTIAL QUALITY - MAT 18:1-5
- **THE OFFENDER** - THE NEED FOR RADICAL REMOVAL OF SIN - MAT 18:6-9
- **LOVE** - THE VALUE OF THE LOST SOUL - MAT 18:10-14
- **HOW TO DEAL WITH THE OFFENDER** - MAT 18:15-20

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MATTHEW 18

- HOW MANY TIMES MUST I FORGIVE - MAT 18:21,22
- SERVANT FORGIVEN OF A GREAT DEBT - MAT 18:24-27
- SAME SERVANT UNMERCIFUL WITH ONE WHO OWED HIM A SMALL DEBT - MAT 18:28-30
- SERVANT REQUIRED TO PAY WHAT HE OWED BECAUSE HE WAS UNMERCIFUL- MAT 18:15-20; CF 6:14,15; JAM 2:13

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Mark 11:25–26 (NKJV)

²⁵ “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. ²⁶ But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”



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Luke 17:3–4 (NKJV)

³ Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴ And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”

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Colossians 3:13–15 (NKJV)

¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.



LOOKING UNTO JESUS

- **Jesus Loved us – John 15:13; Eph. 5:2, 25; Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 5:14;**
- **Jesus had compassion – Mat 9:12, 13; 36; Heb 2:17**

LOOKING UNTO JESUS

- **Jesus statement as He looked over Jerusalem –
Mat 23:37,38; Luke 19:41**
- **Jesus' plea on the cross – “Father, forgive them,
for they do not know what they do.” Luke 23:34**
- **Why did He come to the earth??? Mat. 20:28; Gal.
4:4,5; I Peter 1:18-20**

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- We MUST have a forgiving disposition – Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:12,13
- We should NEVER be vengeful - hateful - unkind - Mat 5:38ff
- Not to harbor anger or hold a grudge - Mat 5:44; Ep 4:26,27,31,32

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- Full Forgiveness resulting in reconciliation is conditional – Luke 17:3,4; Mat 18:15-17.
- To be unmerciful will result in condemnation – Mat. 6:9-14; Luke 6:37; Mat 18:21-35;

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- Must be sincere and from the heart. Mat 18:35
- Must be patterned after the forgiveness God has granted us. - Col 3:13
- Must be accompanied by actions which befit true forgiveness. - 2 Cor 2:3-11

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How CAN I Forgive?

LOVE

MERCY

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FELLOWSHIP

Forgiveness flows out of mercy
and mercy flows out of love!

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How CAN I NOT Forgive?



- If you are a Christian - God has forgiven a debt you could never repay.
- How can we expect to be forgiven if we **Refuse** to forgive others?

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Jesus **WANTS** you to be forgive you of your sins!!



- If you have never obeyed His gospel – He wants you to so that He can forgive you!! – Acts 2:38; 22:16; Col. 2:11-13
- If you are Christian and you have sinned – He wants to cleanse you – Acts 8:19-24; 1 John 1:7-9

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COLOSSIANS 3:12-17 (NKJV)

¹² Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

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¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.