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MATTHEW 18:35 (NKJV)

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

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WHAT IT MEANS TO FORGIVE?

STRONG'S - G863 - ἀφίημι *aphiēmi af-ee'-ay-mee*

From G575 and ἵημι *hiēmi* (to *send*; an intensive form of εἵμι *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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- MODERN USAGE -

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

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EPHESIANS 4:26-32 (NKJV)

²⁶ “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷ nor give place to the devil. ... ³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

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- MODERN USAGE -

➤ To put away anger, bitterness -
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➤ To turn the other cheek - No
vengeful thoughts - Love
enemies - take loss - Mat
5:38-48; 1 Cor 6:7

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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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VINES - FORGIVE, FORGAVE, FORGIVENESS - Verbs

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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- SCRIPTURAL USAGE -

➤ 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

Our Perfect Example of
"How We Should Forgive Others"

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith..."

Hebrews 12:2

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THE EXAMPLE OF 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

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THE EXAMPLE OF 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; 1 PETER 1:18-20

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THE TEACHING OF JESUS

- 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
- 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;
- WE MUST HAVE A FORGIVING
DISPOSITION - EPH. 4:32; COL. 3:12,13

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THE TEACHING OF JESUS

- 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?

FORGIVENESS FLOWS OUT OF MERCY
AND MERCY FLOWS OUT OF LOVE!

Love

Mercy

For
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Reconciliation /
Fellowship

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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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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.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17 (NKJV)

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.