

# Forgiveness, Part 3-Week 108

## Matt. 27:34

Matt 27:34 And Jesus prayed, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. AMP

Heb 9:22 In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. NIV

Ps 130:3-4 O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. NIV

Acts 2:38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. NIV

### Review:

- Forgiveness is not an **option** for believers.
- Forgiveness is necessary to avoid **Satan's traps**.
- Those who overcome the enemy do it by living a life filled with forgiveness and **character**.
- We must forgive and **forsake** the things that draw us away from God.

### 1. The **Power** of Forgiving Love

- It is **Magnetic**.

John 12:32 And I, if and when I am lifted up from the earth [on the cross], will draw and attract all men [Gentiles as well as Jews] to Myself. AMP

***"The attraction of the cross would prove to be the mightiest and most sovereign motive brought to bear on the human will and when wielded by the Holy Spirit as a revelation of the matchless love of God. Which would involve the most sweeping judgment sentence that can be pronounced upon the world and it's prince."*** Steven Olford

- It is **Dynamic**.

1 Cor. 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the **power of God**.

Jesus prayed "Father, forgive them..." to show the power of forgiving love in **human** lives.

- a. Thief on the cross
- b. The Centurion
- c. At **Pentecost**

Forgiving love will not be active in our lives as long as we are concerned about our **personal rights**.

## 2. The **Pattern** of Forgiving Love

- If there is a cross (forgiveness) we must bear then there has to be a Christ we must **share**.

Eph 4:31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

## Steps to Forgiveness

1. Pain is \_\_\_\_\_.  
His \_\_\_\_\_ life controlled His outer circumstances-- never did His outer circumstances control His inner life.
2. Write down on paper the \_\_\_\_\_ of the persons or person that hurt you.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the hurt and the hate.
4. Acknowledge the significance of the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Decide that you will bear the \_\_\_\_\_ of the one's sin you have forgiven. That means you won't, in the future, \_\_\_\_\_ by sharing info about that person's sin to others or using it against them.
6. Decide to \_\_\_\_\_.  
Your feelings will follow your \_\_\_\_\_ as you let go.
7. Now, take the \_\_\_\_\_ to God and leave it there, by
8. \_\_\_\_\_ the list physically.
9. Give up the expectation the person will \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Remember, the one you have forgiven may also be a \_\_\_\_\_ of their past.
11. Expect \_\_\_\_\_ results in your own life.
12. Be willing to accept part of the \_\_\_\_\_ when it's appropriate.
13. Dependence on God is the only way to pull this off.