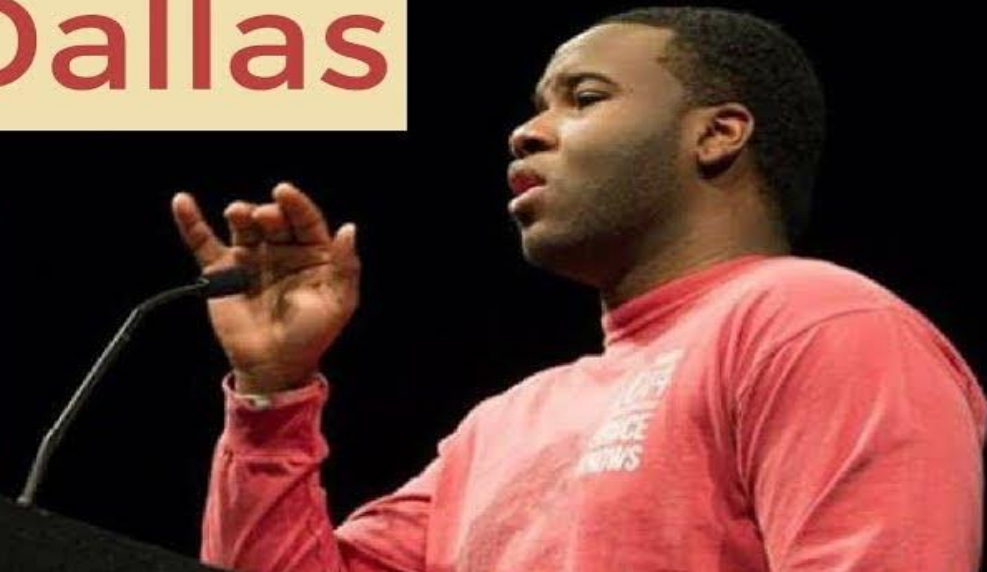


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*The Awesome  
Power of  
Forgiveness!*



# Questions about Forgiveness?

- Do I have to “forgive” someone before they even ask or repent?
- Is forgiveness equivalent to forgetting?

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"For thou, Lord, art good  
and ready to forgive."

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**Ps 86:5**



# 1 John 2:1-2

“And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins.”

**Vertical**

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A person is captured in mid-air, jumping joyfully on a beach. The person is wearing a light-colored, possibly plaid, shirt and dark pants. The background is a dramatic sunset or sunrise over the ocean, with a bright sun low on the horizon, creating a golden glow and long shadows. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The ocean waves are visible in the distance, and the wet sand in the foreground reflects the bright light of the sun.

# SET FREE

FINDING OUR FREEDOM

# Thesis:

- Divine promises/standard
- Definitions
- Implications
- Biblical admonitions

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# Divine Promises:

You will again have  
**compassion**  
on us; you will tread our  
**sins underfoot**  
and **hurl** all our iniquities  
into the depths of the **sea.**  
-Micah 7:19

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Divine Promises:

**“I have removed your  
transgressions from you.”**

AS FAR AS THE EAST  
IS FROM  
THE WEST

P S A L M 1 0 3 : 1 2



## King David

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord ." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.  
Psalm 32:5 NIV

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# The Awesome Dynamic of FORGIVENESS

**Has Horizontal implications!**



*Greek word = “aphiemi”*

*Means to remit a debt and is used metaphorically (Matt 6:12).*

*Def: “An attitude of heart which restores the offender to the former state and affections of the offended one.”*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Def: “To cease to feel resentment against, or to seek payback.”*

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# Forgiveness of Others!

- “**Forgive one another**, even as Christ forgave you, so also do you” (Col 3:13).
- “Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as **God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you**” (Eph 4:32).

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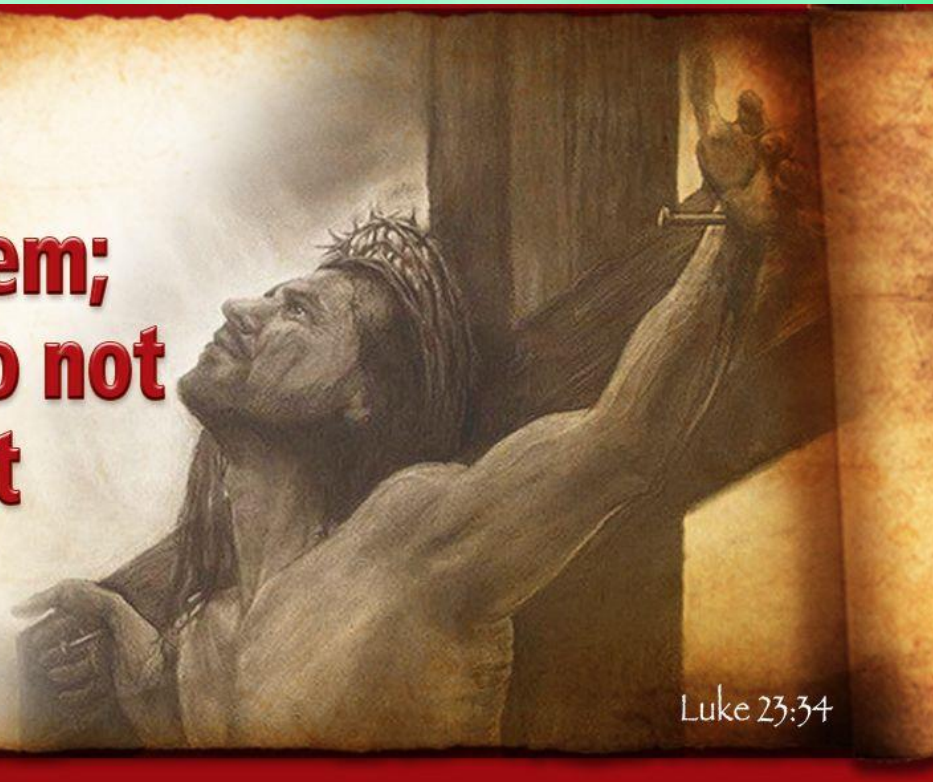
# Forgiveness is not Optional!

- We **must forgive** others!
  - “If your brother sins, rebuke him; and **if he repents**, forgive him (Lk 17:3).
- **Forgiveness is *conditional on repentance*** (I Jn 1:9, Acts 2:38)!

# Forgiveness of Others!

JESUS said:

**'Father,  
forgive them;  
for they do not  
know what  
they are  
doing.'**



Luke 23:34

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# Put Yourself to the Test

- Is the relationship *the same* as before the offense?
- Do you feel as *kindly* towards them now as before?
- **Trust and Forgiveness** are different!

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# I'll Forgive, but Never Forget!

- Usually said with *bitterness & animosity*.
- “From your hearts you must forgive your brother his trespasses” (Mt 18:35).

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# Parable of the Prodigal Son




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# How Can I Forgive and Forget?

- Heb 8:12 *“I will remember your sins no more.”*
  - Not *“erasing from memory.”*
  - *“Blots out our sins” (Acts 3:19).*

# Am I Expected to *Forget*?

- Isaiah 43:18 “Remember not the former things.”
    - Not memory loss!
    - Isaiah 43:25ff God does “not remember” their sins after listing them!
    - NASV – “Do not call to mind.
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# What does “remember no more” mean?

- One can completely forgive and still remember the sin.



Clara Barton:  
*“I distinctly  
remember  
forgetting that.”*

# Implications for Human Relationships

- God is ready and willing to restore the relationship, if possible.
- We also **must hold no malice**.
  - Stephen – Acts 7: 60 “Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.”
  - We must pray for those who seek our harm (Mt 5:44, Rm 12:19-21).
  - We sin in failing to pray for offenders (I Sam 12:23).

# Implications/Principles

- **Forgiveness is to be unlimited** (Matt 18:21-22).
  - "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to **seven times**?"
  - Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to **seventy times seven**."



# Forgiveness is not optional!

“If you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Matt 6:15).



# Implications/Principles

- **Our sins against one another are *small* (Matt 18:23-35).**

The **Awesome**  
Dynamic of  
**FORGIVENESS**

# Implications/Principles

- We will **receive mercy** based upon **how merciful we are** (Mt 7:1-2)!
  - "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you."
  - Matt 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

# Implications of the Principle

- **Golden Rule applies.** Mt 7:12
  - Ever have someone refuse to forgive you?
  - How did it feel?*

“Imagine a world of no forgiveness, mercy, and grace and you have a postmodern cancel culture world. Instead, Jesus came to cancel our debt (Col.2:14), not people.”

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*Eph 2:12*



*Eph 1:3*

- **DEBTOR** → **REDEEMED**
- **CONDEMNED** → **PARDONED**
- **SICK** → **HEALED**
- **LOST** → **FOUND**

A close-up photograph of water being poured from a glass pitcher into a clear glass. The water is captured in motion, creating a dynamic splash with many small bubbles and ripples on the surface. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

# TIMES OF REFRESHING

ACTS 3:12-19