

the **POWER** of
FORGIVENESS



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- Forgiveness is only understood by the grace given by God.

Removal

Psalm 103:12 (p 691)

Mercy

Romans 5:6-8 (p 1298)

Salvation

Romans 5:9-11 (p 1298)

- Forgiveness is a necessary part of our relationship with others.

**Matthew 6:14,15
(p 1117)**



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- **Forgiveness can be hard!**

Not for God **1 John 4:7-11 (p 1401)**

Hard for man

Circumstances

Consequences

Anger

Guilt

Pride

Sometimes the
hardest person
to forgive is SELF



Why Is It Hard To Forgive Self?

- Self is a cruel master

Proverbs 25:28 (p 755)

- Self is personal

Romans 12:3 (p 1305)

- Self provokes guilt

1 Timothy 1:15 (p 1362)



Failures are brought about by:

Sin (David); **Past** (Peter/Paul);

Fear (One talent man)

How Can I Learn To Forgive ME?

**THERE IS NO FAILURE SO
GREAT THAT A CHRISTIAN
CANNOT RISE FROM IT,
THERE IS NO DEFEAT SO
FINAL THAT HE CANNOT
CONVERT IT INTO A
VICTORY.**

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How Can I Learn To Forgive ME?

Philippians 4:12

(p 1351)

**I
CAN DO
ALL THINGS
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I BELIEVE

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God loves me

In my frailty

In my strength

**In today – not
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Philippians 3:12ff (p 1350)

AND THIS IS THE TESTIMONY, THAT GOD GAVE US ETERNAL LIFE, AND THIS LIFE IS IN HIS SON. HE WHO HAS THE SON HAS LIFE; HE WHO HAS NOT THE SON OF GOD HAS NOT LIFE. I WRITE THIS TO YOU WHO BELIEVE IN THE NAME OF THE SON OF GOD, THAT YOU MAY KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

AND THIS IS THE CONFIDENCE WHICH WE HAVE IN HIM, THAT IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL HE HEARS US. AND IF WE KNOW THAT HE HEARS US IN WHATEVER WE ASK, WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE OBTAINED THE REQUESTS MADE OF HIM.

1 JOHN 5:11-15 (1402)