

FORGIVENESS: REACTIVE, NOT PROACTIVE
(Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:8-14)

I. Forgiveness from _____

A. _____ forgiveness from God

1. Forgiveness must be _____ by the _____ sinner (1 John 1:9)
2. Repentance must be _____ by _____ (Acts 3:19; 26:20)
3. Repentance must be demonstrated by _____ (Matt. 6:14-15; Luke 11:4)

B. _____ forgiveness from God

1. Forgiveness is _____ by Christ's _____ (Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14)
 - a. It _____ the _____ consequence of sin
 - b. The _____ consequences of sin may _____
2. Forgiveness is _____ by God (1 John 1:9)

II. Forgiveness among _____

A. _____ forgiveness (Matt. 5:23-26)

1. More important than making _____ to _____

2. Failure to do so makes forgiveness _____

B. _____ forgiveness (Luke 17:3-4)

1. The offended must _____ the offender

2. The offender must _____ of his action (Luke 17:3-4)

3. The offender may need to be _____ (Matt. 18:15-17)

4. The offender may need to make _____ (Luke 19:8; cf. Ex. 22:1-9)

5. The penitent offender must be _____

III. Important _____

A. Forbearance is “_____ enduring injury or loss without becoming _____ or demanding immediate _____”

B. Forgiveness is “_____ an offender’s _____ and/or _____ as full _____ of an injury or debt and _____ him to your former relationship”

IV. Forgiveness Applied to My Relationships with _____

A. It is *not unforgiving* to expect a _____

B. It is *not unforgiving* to expect _____

C. It is unforgiving to _____ to restore to _____ someone who has truly repented