Forgiveness

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” – Ephesians 4:32

“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” – Colossians 3:13

“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.” – Matthew 6:14

“And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.” – Mark 11:25

“Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.” – Luke 23:34

Forgiveness is NOT:

1. Forgetting
2. A second chance’
3. Continuation of situation, relationship

Forgiveness IS:

1. “But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” – Matthew 5:44
2. “Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles, lest the LORD see it and be displeased, and turn away his anger from him.” - Proverbs 24:17, 18

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” – Romans 12:21

“Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.” – 1 Peter 3:9

“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” – Matthew 5:44

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.” – Luke 6:27

“On the contrary: if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” – Romans 12:20

“If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.” – Proverbs 25:21

Walking in the LIGHT reveals sin.
Walking in DARKNESS hides sin.

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.” – Proverbs 28:13

“If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work.” – 2 John 1:10-11

1 John 1:5-10
1 John 2:7-11
1 John 3:4-10 – “Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. 8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's[b] seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.”

1 John 4:7-12 – “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.”

Love does not mean tolerate or continue relationship in evil.

2 John 7-11 – “For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. 8 Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we[a] have worked for, but may win a full reward. 9 Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, 11 for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.”

Relationship ending

1. ""Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM." – Titus 3:10
2. "They will be the kind of people who brag and who are proud. They will slander others, and they will be disobedient to their parents. They will be ungrateful, unholy, 3 unloving, contrary, and critical. They will be without self-control and brutal, and they won't love what is good. 4 They will be people who are disloyal, reckless, and conceited. They will love pleasure instead of loving God. 5 They will look like they are religious but deny God's power. AVOID PEOPLE LIKE THIS." – 2 Timothy 3:2-5
3. "I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. KEEP AWAY FROM THEM." – Romans 16:17
4. "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet and turn and tear you to pieces." – Matthew 7:6
5. "But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people." – 1 Corinthians 5:11
6. ""And constant friction between people of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain. From such people withdraw yourself." – 1 Timothy 6:5
7. "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us." – 2 Thessalonians 3:6
8. "A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid anyone who talks too much." – Proverbs 20:19
9. "Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly." – 2 Timothy 2:16
10. "Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." – Luke 17:3

Situational offenses:

1. "Fools show their annoyance at once, but the prudent overlook an insult." – Proverbs 12:16
2. "Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil." – Psalm 37:8
3. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." – Matthew 5:9
4. "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification." – Romans 14:19
5. "Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses." – Proverbs 10:12
6. ""If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over." – Matthew 18:15

“Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” – Colossians 4:6

“See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.” – Hebrews 12:15

Eternal Salvation by Forgiveness from God by the Blood of the Covenant

“For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” – Matthew 26:28

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,…” Ephesians 1:7

“And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” – Acts 2:38

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” – 1 John 1:9

“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.” – Isaiah 55:7

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” – Romans 3:23

“For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.” – Psalm 86:5

“Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times!’” – Matthew 18:21-22

“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” – Romans 12:18