



“Forgiven”

**Be Encouraged series**

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### [2 Corinthians 2:5-11](#)

**5** I am not overstating it when I say that the man who caused all the trouble hurt all of you more than he hurt me. **6** Most of you opposed him, and that was punishment enough. **7** Now, however, it is time to forgive and comfort him. Otherwise he may be overcome by discouragement. **8** So I urge you now to reaffirm your love for him. **9** I wrote to you as I did to test you and see if you would fully comply with my instructions. **10** When you forgive this man, I forgive him, too. And when I forgive whatever needs to be forgiven, I do so with Christ’s authority for your benefit, **11** so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes.

### [1 Corinthians 5:1-5](#)

**1** I can hardly believe the report about the sexual immorality going on among you—something that even pagans don’t do. I am told that a man in your church is living in sin with his stepmother. **2** You are so proud of yourselves, but you should be mourning in sorrow and shame. And you should remove this man from your fellowship. **3** Even though I am not with you in person, I am with you in the Spirit. And as though I were there, I have already passed judgment on this man **4** in the name of the Lord Jesus. You must call a meeting of the church. I will be present with you in spirit, and so will the power of our Lord Jesus. **5** Then you must throw this man out and hand him over to Satan so that his sinful nature will be destroyed and he himself will be saved on the day the Lord returns.

### [1 Corinthians 5:12-13](#)

**12** It isn’t my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning. **13** God will judge those on the outside; but as the Scriptures say, “You must remove the evil person from among you.”

Principle #1: Forgiveness is \_\_\_\_\_

### [Colossians 3:12-13](#)

**12** Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. **13** Make allowance for each

other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Principle #2: Forgiveness is \_\_\_\_\_

[2 Corinthians 1:7](#)

**7** We are confident that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in the comfort God gives us.

Principle #3: Forgiveness is \_\_\_\_\_

Principle #4: Forgiveness is cooperating \_\_\_\_\_

### **WHAT FORGIVENESS IS NOT**

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### **Questions to Ponder**

1. Is there someone you need to forgive?
2. Is there someone you have hurt, you need to ask for their forgiveness?
3. Is there someone who is far away...or passed away that you need to forgive?

"Remember , the Lord forgave you, you must forgive others." ~Colossians 3:13