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Vocabulary Word #7: Forgiveness

Intro

- The culture's lack of forgiveness might be understandable (1 John 5:19), but the real problem is that there is often a lack of forgiveness in the church of Jesus Christ.
- Often our refusal to forgive is the result of the cost of forgiveness.

The Necessity of Forgiveness

- God created us for eternal fellowship with Himself (Gen. 1:26). But...

Rom 5:12 ...SIN came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men...

Rom. 6:23 ...the wages of sin is death...

Is. 59:2 ...your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God...

- Because of sin, there is now an impenetrable and unclimbable wall between God and us.

Rom. 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men...

- All of the miseries of the human race can be traced back to just one source.

The Meaning of Forgiveness

Jer. 31:34 ...I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more...

- God sees us as if we had never sinned.

John 19:30

The Means of Forgiveness

John 1:14 ...the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, that glory of the Begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth...

1 Tim 1:15 ...Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...

- Christ came into the world to end the separation between God and His people by forgiving all their sin.

Matt. 26:28 ...This my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins...

- The eternal Beloved Son of the Father became a Man for the purpose reuniting us to God by paying the full final and forever price for all our sin.

The Result of Forgiveness

God-ward Results of Forgiveness

- We have been forgiven of every sin.

Col 2:13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, [how] having forgiven us all our trespasses...

1 John 1:7 ...the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin...

- We have been freed from the dominion of Satan.

Col 1:13-14 [Christ] has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins...

- We are no longer under the wrath of God.

1 Thess 1:10 ...Jesus...delivers us from the wrath to come...

- We have been restored to fellowship with God.

2 Peter 1:4 ...[God] has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers [fellowship] of the Divine Nature...

- We are now loved and blessed children of God.

1 John 3:1 *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are*

Man-ward Results of Forgiveness

- Now as God's forgiven people we are to relate to one another in the same way as God relates to us.

Col 2:13 *...God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses...*

Col 3:13 *...forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive...*

Eph 4:32 *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as [in the same way that] God in Christ forgave you...*

- A refusal to forgive one another as God has forgiven us of every sin says that God has made a mistake in forgiving the one who has offended us.