

CHOOSING NOT TO REMEMBER

PHILEMON 16-19

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Introduction

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

Behold, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but in love you have delivered my life from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back. (Isaiah 38:17)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1)

We are all Onesimus

- a. We have an underserved _____.
So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. (Philemon 17)
- b. We have an unpayable _____.
If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. (Philemon 18)
- c. We receive an unbelievable _____.
If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it-to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. (Philemon 18-19)

1. What forgiveness is _____.

- a. Forgiveness is not an _____.
- b. Forgiveness is not _____.
- c. Forgiveness is not _____.
- d. Forgiveness is not _____.
- e. Forgiveness is not _____.
- f. Forgiveness is not _____.

2. What is forgiveness?

- a. An _____ occurs.
- b. A _____ is owed.
- c. A debt is _____.

3. Forgiveness is choosing to:

_____ *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.* (Ephesians 4:32)

_____ with love

_____ *Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."* (Romans 12:19)

_____ *"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you."* (Luke 6:27-28)

_____ *Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times."* (Matthew 18:21-22)

4. The dangers of an unforgiving spirit.

Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled. (Hebrews 12:14-15)

- a. Our _____ is hurt.
- b. We _____ spiritually.
- c. Relationships with others are _____.

Conclusion

- **How do I know when I have forgiven?**
- **Are forgiveness and reconciliation the same?**