

The Continual Conditions for Forgiveness

Luke 17:4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I **repent**; thou shalt **forgive** him.

The word forgive means to send forth. It is an invisible vehicle that carries an obvious conclusion for the offender to see and realize. The names of these occupants of this invisible vehicle are, I **yield**, I **pass over**, I **let go**, I **lay aside**, I **forsake** and I **put away**.

Two Elements of Forgiveness

In order to qualify for the receiving of forgiveness, you must have Repentance and Acknowledgement

2Timothy 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them **repentance** to the **acknowledging** of the truth;

People want to be forgiven without saying I am sorry, and put the burden on the offended by saying you wont forgive, or why cant you forgive.

I must have a non-grudging heart in order to send forth my forgiveness and you must have repentant and confessing heart in order to receive forgiveness.

Forgiveness is Twofold

The heart of the offended and the acknowledgement of the offender

I cannot forgive unless you allow me to forgive. I can make my heart free of malice, that is my part, only you can allow me to give to you the invisible vehicle that contains the occupants of, I **yield**, I **pass over**, I **let go**, I **lay aside**, I **forsake** and I **put away**. To comfort you in your acknowledgement of wrong as you receive it, I can only then give it. This is forgiveness.

The receiving of Forgiveness is the responsibility of the offender and a non-grudging heart is the responsibility of the offended.

1Corinthians 5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of **malice** and wickedness; but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

1Cornithians 14:20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in **malice** be ye children, but in understanding be men.

Ephesians 4:31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all **malice**:

Colossians 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, **malice**, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Tit 3:3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in **malice** and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another.

1Pe 2:1 Wherefore laying *aside* all **malice**, and all *guile*, and *hypocrisies*, and *envies*, and all evil speakings,

Matthew 18:35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye **from your hearts forgive** not every one his **brother their trespasses**.

Matthew 6:14 For if ye **forgive** men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also **forgive** you:

Matthew 6:15 But if ye **forgive** not men their trespasses, neither will your Father **forgive** your trespasses.

You cannot give something that will not be accepted.

Forgiveness cannot be given until it is accepted. It is provided and ready to be given, but it must be asked for.

The Purpose of Forgiveness

We provide forgiveness as an act of compassion for the conscience of the offender to be healed. However, it must be asked for.

Acts 24:16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a **conscience** void of offence toward God, and *toward* men.

2Corinthians 4:2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's **conscience** in the sight of God.

Hebrews 10:2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more **conscience** of sins.

Forgiveness is conditional and must be asked for in order to be received

Many people assume that forgiveness is granted automatically and should never be asked for.

Matthew 18:21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I **forgive** him? till seven times?

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

If I am free of malice in my heart and am ready and willing to forgive (to send forth the assurance of my yielding), The fulfillment forgiveness is up to the offender not me. They must acknowledge and repent.

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Acts 11:18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles **granted** repentance unto life.