

Big Idea: Practicing forgiveness is Christianity being lived out in the real world. We’re never more Christlike than when we forgive.

I. Review – principles of forgiveness

- A. Forgiveness is all about LETTING GO, releasing a wrong, a hurt, an offense against us...
- B. Forgiven people FORGIVE because the gospel CHANGES everything....
- C. Forgiveness involves TRUST in a sovereign and good God...

II. Just a couple more things...

A. Don’t overlook the basis of our FRIENDSHIP v. 17

1. First class CONDITION

2. One to ONE

B. The promise of PAYMENT in full vs. 18-21

1. The principle of IMPUTATION v. 18

- ANOTHER first class condition
- This is the GOSPEL
 - Adam’s SIN to us
 - Our sin to CHRIST
 - Christ’s RIGHTEOUSNESS to those who believe

2. The principle of RESTITUTION v. 19

- A legal IOU
- A figure of SPEECH

3. The principle of RECIPROCATION vs. 20-21

- ANOTHER figure of speech
- The PHILIPPIAN principle

C. The stuff that MATTERS most vs. 22-25

1. Paul’s HEART

2. Paul’s fellow WORKERS

- Epaphras
- Mark
- Aristarchus
- Demas
- Luke

III. What we take away...

The hallmark of the family of God is our ability by the grace of God to forgive one another. God gave us what we didn’t deserve, so we can do the same for each other. What are you waiting for?