

Forgive!

All Christians should be watchmen for Christ church:

In this we show love for our brethren in Christ.

Ezekiel 3:17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. **18** When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. **19** Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. **20** Again, When a righteous *man* doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. **21** Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous *man*, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

Love your brethren in Christ:

1John 3:10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. --- **14** We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.

Mark 11:25 "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. **26** But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

1John 4:12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. --- **16** And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. --- **20** If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? **21** And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

John 15:12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Things told to me by brethren: From a sister in Christ my brother molested me. I loaned my brother 900 dollars he would not pay me back. My husband committed adultery, My wife committed adultery. My husband beats me regularly.

All these things are horrible but we must forgive even if they do not repent. You can rebuke them for what they have done and encourage them to repent.

Don't let their sin cause you to have your own sins not forgiven by God!

God will not forgive you if you don't forgive. Protect your own salvation by forgive as God forgives.

A Stern Warning against not forgiving:

Luke 17:3 Take heed to yourselves. *If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. 4 And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him.*"

Luke 6:37 "*Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.*

Mathew 6:14 "*For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

Luke 6:27 "*But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. --- 37 "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.*

Can you not forgive a brother even more than an enemy?

If you say you forgive someone but hold a grievance against them for their sin. You have not forgiven them!

God forgave everything except blaspheming against the Holy Spirit.

Mathew 12:32 Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but *whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.*

When the Jews accused Jesus of having a unclean spirit Jesus said this:

Mark 3:29 but *he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation" 30 because they said, "He has an unclean spirit."*

God forgave all of your sins do you think you should follow his example and forgive your brother?

If the one who sinned against you is lying about his repentance. God will handle it, not you. Your judgement is not perfect as God's Judgement is. Trust in God.

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---- Don't let the sinner take you to hell with him ---

--- because you will not forgive him. ---

Mathew 18:5 Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. **6** "*Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. 7 Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! 8 "If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire.*

Does this scripture apply to a Christian as a child of God?

We are God's children. If it does, they can be forgiven. But the sin was a very grievous one.

Forgive even if a brother cheats you:

1Corinthians 6:6 But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers! **7** Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? *Why do you not rather let yourselves be cheated?* **8** *No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and you do these things to your brethren!* **9** *Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.*

Romans 12:17 *Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18* If it is possible, as much as depends on you, *live peaceably with all men. 19* Beloved, *do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.*

Be the perfect example of forgiveness.

God forgives and forgets your sin when you repented.

Hebrews 8:12 *FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE."*

Do you not think you should try to follow Christ example?

If the sinner has repented you have no cause for anger.

James 1:20 *for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

Mathew 5:22 But I say to you that *whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment.* And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in *danger of hell fire.*

Romans 14:10 *But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.*

1John 3:14 We know that *we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. 15* *Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.*

1John 4:19 *We love Him because He first loved us. 20* *If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? 21* And this commandment we have from Him: that *he who loves God must love his brother also.*

Remember what God has forgiven us:

Ephesians 4:32 *And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*

Remember how much Saul who became Paul. He was seeking out Christians even to other lands to drag them to jail. He caused some to blaspheme. He consented to put some to death. God forgave all these things because Saul did them in ignorance. If God forgave all this why would you believe God would not forgive you?

Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as *the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.*

If One is coming often for forgiveness and you say

I don't think he is serious. Listen to this scripture.

Would you want be judged by God by your standard?

Luke 6:37 *"Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.*

Romans 4:7 *"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS ARE FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS ARE COVERED; 8 BLESSED IS THE MAN TO WHOM THE LORD SHALL NOT IMPUTE SIN."*

2Corinthians 2:9 *For to this end I also wrote, that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things. 10 Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, 11 lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.*

Can you not see causing you to not forgive?

is one of Satan's tools to cause you to be condemned.

If you don't forgive people their sins you are putting your soul in danger! No forgiveness from God means no salvation.

God forgets sin he has forgiven

IN: Jeramiah 31: 34

The LORD says: For *I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.*"

We need to forgive as God does: He forgets sin:

It is hard to forget when a hurtful sin occurs. When sin comes, it maybe easier to forgive ourselves than to forgive others: This is not what God wants for us. Strive to forgive and forget.

We must strive to forget others sins. We must not hold a sin against anyone if we forgive. It seems we category sin in our minds as some worse than others when we know all sin is grievous to God:

When we don't forgive, we grieve the Holy Spirit. You definitely do not want to do that! These are some things listed that grieve the Holy Spirit:

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Be diligent, be diligent, be diligent to present yourself approved to God:

2Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Most of these problems of a inability to forgive are shown by anger to another brother or sister. We should instead be kind to all including those of the household of faith, even those who sin against us. If they have repented forgive them, why because God forgives us: We must follow God's example:

Appease strife quickly before it becomes a sin:

This cools down a problem of miss thinking before it grows beyond control:

Mathew 5:23 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Put on these things --- to gain love--- which is the bond of perfection:

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Think of the servant in this scripture as a Christian to glean examples for our learning.

Mathew 18:23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.

We have a debt we cannot pay. The debt we owe God is our sin. Because we all have sinned come short of the glory of God. We must beg for God's forgiveness for our sins.

Mathew 18:26 The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 27 Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

God forgave us the debt of sin. This debt required a punishment of death. He showed us compassion and gave us a way to be forgiven.

Mathew 18:28 "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' **29** So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' **30** And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.

See how important it is to forgive your brother or sister their sins as God forgave us our sins. You must forgive a brother or sister also, or your soul will not be forgiven. You will not receive the remission of sins. Without the remission of sins you are condemned.

Mathew 18:31 So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. **32** Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. **33** Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'

You grieve God and Christ when you don't forgive a brother his sins.

Mathew 18:34 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

35 **"So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."**

Hebrew 3:12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; **13** but exhort one another daily, while it is called "TODAY," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

You must forgive your brother, or God will not forgive your sins. You must forgive them no matter how many times he repents. Remember you cannot judge a man's heart only God can do that. We as humans sometimes doubt someone's sincerity. Don't because God is the Judge we are not. We are to withdraw from someone who walks disorderly to get them to repent. We must give them a chance to return to God.

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Forgive all for their trespasses:

This number is to show we should not count but realize we must forgive as many times necessary.

Mathew 18:21 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, **how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?**" **22** **Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."**

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Mathew 6:14 "For *if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.* 15 But *if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

If you are the one constantly asking forgiveness, consider this scripture for help:

James 5:16 Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

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