

Biblical Living – Aims

- ▶ See what God says is the best way to live
- ▶ See how to apply what God says
- ▶ Be helped and equipped to help others

To Build a People of People Builders

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Part 1: What the Bible says about Forgiveness



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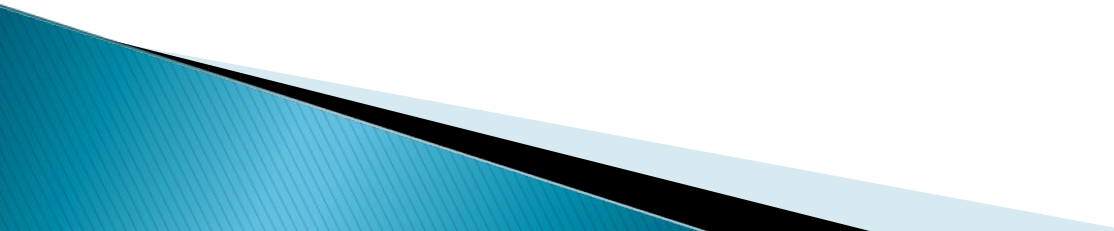
1. The Law highlighted the need for forgiveness

- burnt, grain, peace, sin & guilt offerings
- Leviticus 4:1 – 6:7

see	4:20	4:26	4:31	4:35
	5:10	5:13	5:16	5:18
	6:7			

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2. The Prophets & Psalmists glimpsed the promise of forgiveness

- Psalm 32:1,2
 - Psalm 130 esp vv 4, 8
 - Jeremiah 31:33,34
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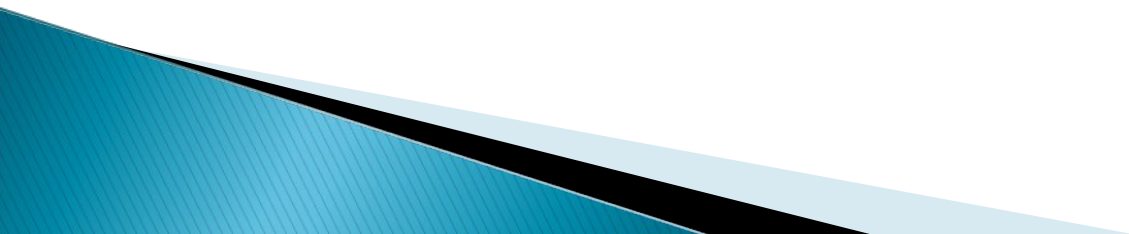
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3. Jesus provided the way of forgiveness

- Mark 2:1-12

- Matthew 26:28

- Luke 23:34

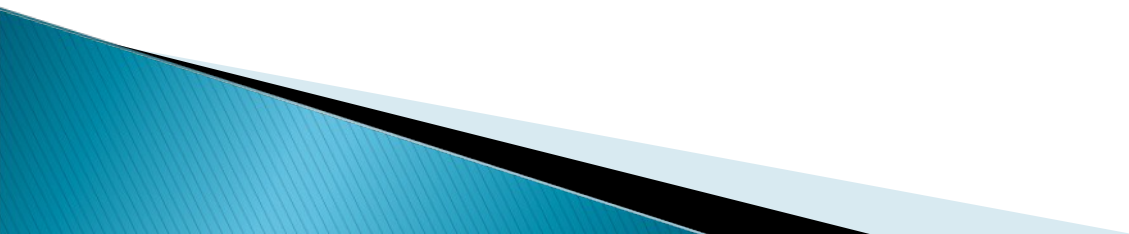


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4. The Early Church proclaimed a message of forgiveness

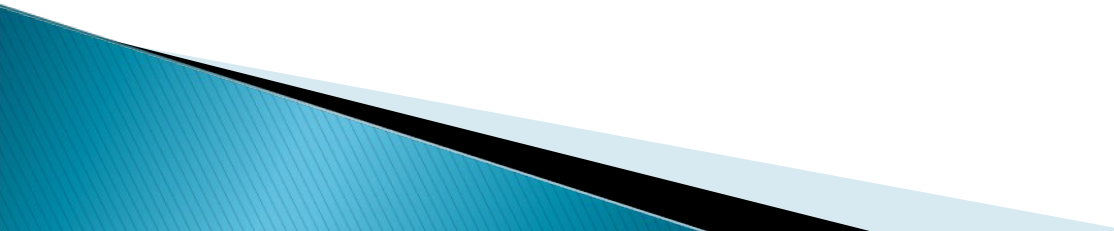
- Acts 2:38

- Acts 10:43

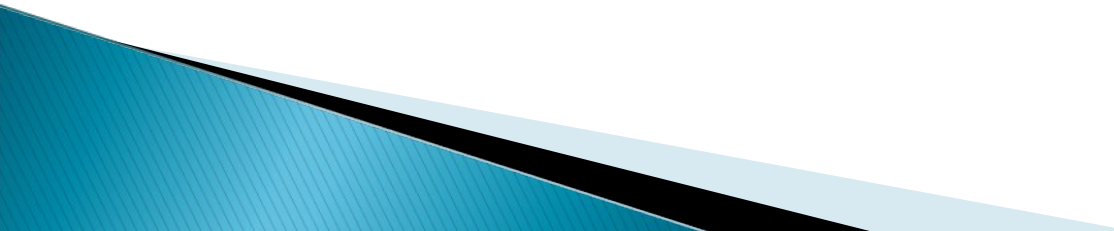


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5. Christians can live in the reality of forgiveness

- Ephesians 1:7
 - Colossians 1:13, 14
 - Colossians 2:13-15
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Forgiving others – why forgive?

- ▶ Matt.5:11;43–44
 - Different world view
 - ▶ Matt.6:9–15
 - Forgive because forgiven
 - ▶ Matt.18:21–22
 - All by grace
 - ▶ Matt.18:31–33
 - Testimony
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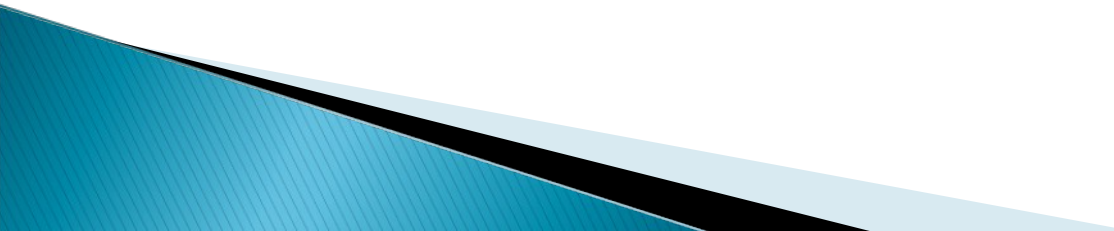
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Consequences of not forgiving

- ▶ Eph.4:30–32
 - Bitterness takes root in our lives
- ▶ Eph.4:31
 - We grieve the Holy Spirit
- ▶ 2 Cor.2:10–11
 - Allows Satan a foot hold

Forgiving others – how to forgive?

Realise forgiveness:

- ▶ Is my response to God's forgiveness of me
 - ▶ Is my choice
 - ▶ May not change the other person
 - ▶ Does not give permission to the other person
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Forgiving others – how to forgive?

Some Do's & Don'ts

- Don't:
 - ▶ wait until you have forgotten – you will not
 - ▶ wait until the pain has worn off
 - ▶ wait until you feel like it – you will not
 - ▶ seek revenge

Do follow Gods example

Eph.4:31–32, 2:1–5, 17–8

Forgiveness

- ▶ Share your experiences of being forgiven or forgiving
 - What was hard?
 - What worked?
 - What did not?

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Part 3: Walking in Forgiveness



Walking in Forgiveness

1. Know the truth

- 1 John 1:5 – 2:2

Walking in Forgiveness

2. Accept by faith

v7 - cleansing - from **ALL** sin

v9 - character - of God

v1 - advocacy - Jesus speaks in our defence

v1 - righteousness - of Jesus

v2 - propitiation - turns away wrath

v2 - sins are dealt with - **ALL**

Walking in Forgiveness

3. Confess our sin

- 1 Jn 1:9

- 'If we confess our sins...'

- Psalm 32:1-5 - acknowledge sin

- Psalm 51



Walking in Forgiveness

4. Walk in forgiveness

- ‘...He is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins...’
- ‘...and to cleanse us from **ALL** unrighteousness.’

Forgiving God

- ▶ Be honest with God & yourself
- ▶ Submit to God
 - Rom.8:28 “all things”
 - 1 Jn.1;3–7 “no darkness”
 - 1 Pet.5:6 –humble submission (not fatalism)
 - Deut.29:29 – acknowledge that Gods ways are beyond us
- ▶ Start with God – not your feelings
- ▶ Give authority to God – not your feelings