

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1289: How Do I Know If I Have Really Forgiven Someone?

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See:



1. Define the first New Testament word for “forgiveness” in the podcast. This type of forgiveness always applies to what?
2. How did the remission of sins change from the Old Testament Law to after Jesus’ death? What was necessary for the Jews to do to have a standing before God before Jesus came?
3. Who does this forgiveness apply to first? What is their role? Why is it important that they receive forgiveness, a pardon, before the rest of the world? (Ephesians 1:6-10, 1 Corinthians 15:22, 2 Corinthians 5:11-21)
4. What did Jesus, as the Lamb of God, fulfill relating to “pardon” (Strong’s 859)? How do we know the sacrifices of the Old Testament did not pardon sin? Explain. (Luke 4:16-18, Hebrews 10:11-18, Romans 5:18)
5. Define the second New Testament word for “forgive” addressed in the podcast. What was Paul’s mission regarding forgiveness or pardon? How is this different from what Jesus said about forgiveness to the crippled man? (Acts 26:15-18, Luke 5:20-21)
6. Once the faithful followers of Jesus receive their pardon, what is the procedure for forgiveness of future sins? When does the “everybody else” have Jesus’ blood applied to them? What are the differences in Christ’s job during the two separate ages? Why is it important to be forgiving even if the person we forgive is not grateful? (1 John 1:8-9, Matthew 6:9-15)
7. How do we handle the forgiveness phases presented in interactions with other Christians?
 - a. Uncovering: What should our mindset be? (Matthew 5:3-9, Philippians 4:8)
 - b. Decision: What should drive our response? (1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Luke 17:3-4)
 - c. Work: What should the procedure be for reconciliation? (Matthew 18:15-27,35)
 - d. Deepening: How do we find meaning and purpose in our suffering?
How is Paul a good example? (1 Corinthians 2:2,6:6-8, Philippians 4:4-7, 1 Peter 1:6-7)
8. How do we handle forgiveness in interactions with non-believers?
 - a. Uncovering: What should our mindset be? (Romans 5:6-8)
 - b. Decision: What should drive our response? (Luke 6:27-31)
 - c. Work: What is the danger in expressing our hurt? (Romans 2:1-4, 12:17-19)
 - d. Deepening: How does Jesus’ example show us the proper attitude? (1 Peter 2:12,21-24)
9. How will this thought help you during times of trial: “Our eternal purpose is always higher and bigger than the momentary event that is bothering us.” How can you better forgive others in your life that have wronged you?