

FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER

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Forgive One Another – [Ephesians 4:32](#)

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“Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea until they have something to forgive.” – C. S. Lewis in *Mere Christianity*

**Our ability to forgive others is directly related to how we _____ God’s sovereignty
and _____ His grace personally.**

Ephesians 4:31–32 (CSB) ³¹ *Let all bitterness, anger and wrath, shouting and slander be removed from you, along with all malice.* ³² *And be kind and compassionate to one another, **forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.***

1. **Forgiveness _____ to replace God** ([Genesis 50:19](#); [Romans 12:17, 19](#)).
2. **Forgiveness _____ a realistic appraisal of sin** ([Genesis 50:20](#)).
 - a. Forgiveness is NOT _____ or _____ sin.
 - b. Forgiveness is NOT _____ or _____ sin.
 - c. Forgiveness is NOT _____ or _____ abuse.
 - d. Forgiveness is NOT _____.
 - e. Forgiveness IS _____ sin, _____ it specifically, and _____ it relationally.
3. **Forgiveness _____ God’s sovereignty** ([Genesis 50:20b](#)).
4. **Forgiveness _____ the limitless forgiveness of God** ([Matthew 18:21-22](#)).
5. **Forgiveness _____ in the personal application of God’s grace** ([Matthew 18:23-35](#)).

“Forgiveness is a strange thing. It can sometimes be easier to forgive our enemies than our friends. It can be hardest of all to forgive people we love.”– Mr. Fred Rogers

Colossians 3:12–13 (CSB) ¹² *Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,* ¹³ *bearing with one another and **forgiving one another** if anyone has a grievance against another. **Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive.***

Matthew 26:26–28 (CSB) ²⁶ *As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take and eat it; this is my body.”* ²⁷ *Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them and said, “Drink from it, all of you.”* ²⁸ *For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.*