

FORGIVENESS IS CRUCIAL

Forgiveness includes releasing the mind of the turmoil of an injustice done to oneself. When we participate in the process of forgiving someone of an injustice through the power of the Holy Spirit, then God's work of parental forgiveness, the removal of our sin, can flourish.

When we cooperate with the Holy Spirit, God works sin out of our lives and works righteousness into our lives. This is the essence of true confession.

"If we confess our sins" means that we cooperate to have our sin removed. If we confess our sins, God will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Col. 3:13a

This verse says that we are not to demand payment for the sin against us. We are to turn loose of the turmoil and pray for and desire the best that God has to offer the offender.

Col. 3:13 continues by saying that this is the way in which God forgives people. God does not demand payment for our sin against Him.

"Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

God always freely forgives sin without exacting a payment for sin. God freely forgives provisionally, judicially, and parentally.

God freely gave His Son to be the New Adam who takes away the sin of the world. The purpose of the cross was to make Jesus the New Adam.

"The result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life to all men." Romans 5:18b

"The gift that came by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many." Romans 5:15b

God freely gave His Son and the Son of God gave Himself.

God freely reconciles provisionally the whole world to Himself through His Son.

God freely forgives provisionally the whole world through His Son. 2 Cor. 5:19

God freely forgives judicially all who believe Jesus and have new spiritual birth.

God freely forgives parentally all those who cooperate with the Holy Spirit in sin removal.

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“As it is written, the first man Adam became a living being; the Last Adam, a life-giving spirit.” 1 Corinthians 15:45

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

We could not experience the fruits of the Spirit without experiencing sin, death, suffering, and forgiveness.

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The unjust death of sinless Jesus condemned sin to its highest condemnation. The unjust physical death of sinless Jesus and His bodily resurrection propelled Him to the status of Last Adam.

By His defeat of sin and death, the Last Adam, Jesus, has the right to remove all sin and death from creation. All judgment is given to the Son of God.

As Last Adam, Jesus is humanity’s God given substitute for the first man Adam. Through Jesus all humanity has provisional forgiveness of sin and opportunity for new life in Christ.

“New birth believers” have judicial forgiveness of sin and Jesus has become their replacement for Adam. Physical death for believers in Christ removes all their sins including their nature to sin. Physical death for unbelievers still in Adam results in the retaining of their sin nature for all eternity.

Jesus is the Way. Believers die to sin and live a new life in Christ.

“You must be born again.”

You must turn in dependence on God and desire your sins to be removed.

God will complete the work He began in you.