

# COLOSSIANS

“So that you will walk in a manner  
worthy of the Lord,  
to please Him in all respects....”

(1:10)

# COLOSSIANS 3:12--14

**COLOSSIANS 3:1 - 4:6**

**PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES**

**FOR WALKING IN A MANNER**

**WORTHY OF THE LORD**

**TO PLEASE HIM IN ALL RESPECTS**

## Practical Principles...Col. 3:1-4:6

1. Heavenly Perspective, 3:1-4.
2. Holy Practice, 3:5-11.
3. Healthy Relationships, 3:12-17.

# HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, COL. 3:12-17

## The Basis For Healthy Relationships, 12.

- “Chosen of God,”

- Holy,

- Beloved.

THE BASIS FOR HEALTHY  
RELATIONSHIPS  
IS KNOWING WHO WE ARE...  
AND WHO OUR FELLOW  
BELIEVERS ARE, **IN CHRIST!!!**

## HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, COL. 3:12-17

The “Clothing” For Healthy Relationships, 12-17.

“Put On...”

→ “You have put on the New Self...” 3:10

→ Now, “Put on these characteristics...” 3:12

The part that is **DONE**...serves as the  
**BASIS** for what **we are to DO!**

# HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, COL. 3:12-17

The “Clothing” For Healthy Relationships, 12-17.

“Put On...”

- “Heart of Compassion”
- “Kindness”
- “Humility”
- “Gentleness”
- “Patience”

## HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, COL. 3:12-17

### The Practice For Healthy Relationships, 13.

- “Bearing With One Another,”  
≈ “Putting Up With” One Another!
- “Forgiving each other!”



## FORGIVENESS in HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, 13

- Two Words For Forgiveness...
  - ✓ “**To send away,**” used in Matthew 6 (3x) & 18 (4X), and 1 John 1:9.  
(Not used in Colossians)
  - ✓ A verb formed from the word for “**grace,**” that is, “**to act with grace,**” “**to act freely,**” so, “**to dismiss the guilt with no punishment or repayment.**”

# FORGIVENESS in HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, 13

- Two Words For Forgiveness...
- The Urgency of Forgiveness...
- The Frequency of Forgiveness...
- The Subjects of Forgiveness... “Who?”
- The Objects of Forgiveness... “Whom?”
- The Occasion of Forgiveness... “Why?”
- The Standard For Forgiveness... “As The Lord forgave you...”

# FORGIVENESS in HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, 13

- The Foundation For Forgiveness...
  - ✓ Chosen By God
  - ✓ Holy
  - ✓ Beloved
  - ✓ Forgiven!

Forgiveness Does NOT Mean...

**TO BE A CHRISTIAN  
MEANS TO FORGIVE  
THE INEXCUSABLE  
BECAUSE GOD  
HAS FORGIVEN  
THE INEXCUSABLE  
IN YOU.**

**-C.S. Lewis**

**"The key to forgiving others is to stop focusing on what they did to you and start focusing on what God did for you."**

**- Max Lucado**

# How to Forgive

**Pray**

(Matthew 5:44)

**Love and do good to the offender**

(Romans 12:9)

**Don't speak poorly of the offender**

(Romans 12:14)

**Release them from your punishment**

(Romans 12:17-19)

**Don't celebrate their failures**

(Proverbs 24:17)

**Treat them the way you  
want to be treated**

(Luke 6:31)

**Stop dwelling on the past**

(Isaiah 43:18)

## SOME BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF FORGIVENESS...

- Esau forgiving Jacob, Genesis 33:1-10.
- Joseph forgiving his brothers, Genesis 45:1-11.
- God forgiving David, II Samuel 12.
- God forgiving Isaiah, Isaiah 6:1-7.
- God forgives Joshua, the High Priest, Zechariah 3:1-7.

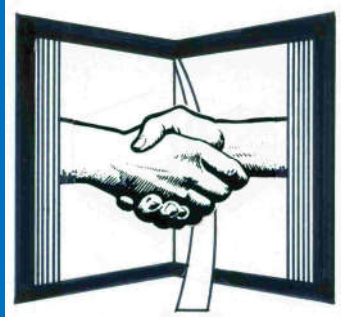
**FORGIVENESS:** Graciously removing the offense as an impediment to your fellowship!

## SOME BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF FORGIVENESS...

- The Father forgiving the Prodigal Son, Luke 15:11-24.
- Jesus forgiving Peter, Luke 22:31-34.
- Jesus forgiving the Romans soldiers, Luke 23:34
- Paul, forgiving the Corinthian offender, 2 Cor. 2:6-11.



WHO DO YOU  
NEED TO  
FORGIVE???



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