

## Lesson Two: The Premise of Forgiveness

### *Philemon 3*

In what seems to be a standard greeting at a glance, Paul provides the very premise of all true forgiveness.

#### I. \_\_\_\_\_ (Verse 3a)

- Grace = χάρις [charis] — means “\_\_\_\_\_”
- Grace is the divine \_\_\_\_\_ to do what has been divinely \_\_\_\_\_.
- Because of this, the only kind of person who can truly forgive is the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### II. \_\_\_\_\_ (Verse 3b)

- Peace = εἰρήνη [eirēnē] — the Greek equivalent to the Hebrew greeting “\_\_\_\_\_”
- Peace is the \_\_\_\_\_ of grace.

#### III. \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ (Verse 3c)

- A. God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Forgiveness
- B. God is the \_\_\_\_\_ for our Forgiveness

#### IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ (Verse 3d)

- The ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ for all forgiveness is the Gospel of Christ.
- The power to forgive comes when our focus is no longer \_\_\_\_\_ (on each other), but \_\_\_\_\_ (on Christ).

#### ADDITIONAL NOTES:

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**Discussion Questions:**

1. How does the grace and peace that God provides through Christ enable us to forgive?
2. If a Christian struggles to forgive, what could the underlying issue be?
3. How can a refusal to forgive bring reproach on the name of Christ and His Gospel? What is shown when we willfully forgive others in Christ?
4. As partners in forgiveness, how can we point our brothers and sisters in Christ to the Gospel in order to help them forgive?