

Forgive Like Jesus

1) What is it: a consuming fire

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God Romans 3:23
but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Mat 6:14

Jesus, Stephen and Paul – forgiveness for your enemies

And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” Luke 21:34 - Jesus

And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” Acts 7:60 - Stephen

The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, **forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty** Exodus 34:6-7

Forgiveness- To cancel a debt, pardon, restore, to send away, letting sins go as if they had never been committed (removal and renewal)

Aphesis-Matthew 26:28 || aphiemi-- matthew 6:14 || nasa—Exodus 34

2) The miracle of forgiveness: removal of sin and renewal of spirit

Sin is dealt with either by Jesus now or by us for eternity.

You know that He appeared in order to take away sins 1 John 3:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness...

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:22-24,32

... If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Galatians 5:18-26

3) In belief, in faith, there is a reaction to Forgiveness

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1 John 1:6-10

God isn't holding a grudge... He lets it rain on the just and unjust alike

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. **For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.** Matthew 5:45

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, **but that all should reach repentance.** 2 Peter 3:9

Jesus says we ought to wash their feet but those are some stinky feet

¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. John 13:14

4) A cost with forgiveness

for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Matthew 26:28

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Matthew 16:24

5) Jesus is calling the shots

Forgiveness is not an option: we're going to because we have been forgiven and renewed

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you Philemon 1:8