

FAMILY FIRST

We Love by...Forgiving One Another

Colossians 3:1-17

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And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. (v. 14)

5 REASONS TO FORGIVE

#1 Because of what _____.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God... (v. 3)

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:4)

#2 Because of what will matter when _____.

When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. (v. 4)

Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw – each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and

the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. (1 Corinthians 3:12-13)

#3 Because of what God is _____.

...put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. (v. 10)

But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. (Romans 6:21-22)

#4 Because of what God has said _____.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and...forgiving each other. (vv. 12-13)

...the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have continued my faithfulness to you. (Jeremiah 31:3)

#5 Because of what Jesus has _____.

...bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. (v. 13)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:1-2)

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:31-32)

NEXT WEEK IN FAMILY FIRST:
We love by...exhorting one another
(Romans 12:10-13 | Colossians 3:16 | Hebrews 3:13)

Legend:

- #1 Because of what matters most.
- #2 Because of what will matter when Jesus returns.
- #3 Because of what God is doing in me.
- #4 Because of what God has said about me.
- #5 Because of what Jesus has done for me.

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