

God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love . . . (He) sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

**1 John 4:9-10b NLT**

Freely you have received; freely give.

**Matthew 10:8b NIV**

## What is Genuine Forgiveness?

### 1. Remembering how much I've been given.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

**Ephesians 4:32 NIV**

### 2. Relinquishing my right to get even.

"...Never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for He has said that He will repay those who deserve it."

**Romans 12:19a TLB**

### 3. Responding to evil with good.

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

**Luke 6:27b-28 NIV**

"(Love) keeps no record of wrongs."

**1 Corinthians 13:5b NIV**

### 4. Repeating the process as long as necessary.

(Peter asked) "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" "No..." Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!"

**Matthew 18:21-22 NLT**

## Why Offer Grace to Others?

### 1. God is gracious to me.

Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

**Colossians 3:13 TLB**

### 2. The alternative is bitterness.

Make sure that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no root of bitterness springs up, causing trouble and by it, defiling many.

**Hebrews 12:15 HCSB**

### 3. God expects me to forgive.

"If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins."

**Matthew 6:14-15 NLT**

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#### Weekend Music:

Let Everything (Praise The Lord) (Sean Feucht) • Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) (Chris Tomlin)  
This is Amazing Grace (Bethel Music) • Come Alive (The Belonging Co.)  
Praise The Lord (Worship Together)