

(Ephesians 1:3;7-10) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places... In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he **lavished** upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

→ **We have a hard time seeing ourselves “in him” when we are in conflict with _____.**

(1John 1:9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- _____ keeps us from seeing our identity in Christ.

→ **We have a hard time seeing our identity “in him” when we are in conflict with _____.**

(Matthew 5:7) Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

(Matthew 6:14-15) 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.

- _____ keeps us from seeing our identity in Christ.

(Matthew 5:23-24) So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

--- Unforgiveness ---

1. **I replay the _____ I had with them.**

(Ephesians 4:26-27) Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.

2. **I speak _____ about them.**

(Matthew 5:22) But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.

3. **I cause _____ for them.**

(Hebrews 12:14-15) Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

--- In Christ---

✓ _____ those who hurt you.

(Luke 6:27-28) But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

✓ _____ those who sin against you.

(Luke 6:29-31) To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

✓ _____ to those who are seated with you, in Christ.

(2 Corinthians 5:17-19) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.