

## “FENDING OFF KILLER LIES WITH BIBLICAL GRACE”

The Killer Lie of “Scabbed-Over Bitterness is Tolerable”  
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THE WELL-KNOWN ANTIDOTE – Ephesians 4:31-32

### THE FRUSTRATING REALITY OF SCABBED-OVER BITTERNESS

Perhaps not to the level of \_\_\_\_\_ in Acts 8:22-23

**Scabbed-Over Bitterness** . . . \_\_\_\_\_ contact if possible.  
. . . keeps necessary contact \_\_\_\_\_.  
. . . \_\_\_\_\_ it does not hurt when someone picks at it.  
. . . will usually have an underlying infection of bitterness against \_\_\_\_\_.  
\*compare “Call me MARA” (Ruth 1:20-21)

**Asaph’s Experience (Psalm 73) with Scabbed-Over Bitterness:**

**Scabbed-Over Bitterness** . . . betrays the \_\_\_\_\_ (13-15),  
. . . is a \_\_\_\_\_ task (16-19),  
. . . makes us \_\_\_\_\_ (21-24).

We know we should be thinking about different things (cf. Philippians 4:8), but . . .

We are tempted to get \_\_\_\_\_, and lance open the wound and let the puss out, but we remember the words of James (1:19-21).

### THE LIBERATING HEALING OF BIBLICAL GRACE

Worshipping by reflecting on “AS GOD IN CHRIST FORGAVE YOU”

Based on The Two Hands of Forgiveness

Putting Off and Putting On by applying the Steps of Biblical Grace:

BIBLICAL GRACE . . . \_\_\_\_\_ sin  
. . . \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness,  
. . . forgives,  
. . . throws a \_\_\_\_\_,  
. . . “forgets,”  
. . . goes beyond “\_\_\_\_\_.”

#### THE TWO HANDS OF FORGIVENESS



1. We were created to have fellowship with our Creator.
2. But we chose to sin and rebel against God (shaking our fist at Him).
3. And the Holy Perfect God was righteously angry with us for our rebellion. He closed His fist in judgment of our sin.
4. But God so loved us that He extended forgiveness (opening His hand) to the whole world through the work of His Son, Jesus. Yet that does not mean that the whole world is forgiven. God honors us by giving us a choice. We must respond in order to be forgiven.
5. We open our hand to receive God’s gift by turning away from our sin in repentance and asking for forgiveness, trusting by faith in the work of Jesus.
6. Now the forgiveness is “complete” because we are reconciled to God in restored fellowship with Him as our Creator and Redeemer.

By coming to Jesus for the \_\_\_\_\_ only He can give (cf. Matthew 5:25-28 and Exodus 15:23)

NEXT WEEK: A NEW STUDY – UNSHAKABLE FAITH: DO NOT BE MISLED. Isaiah 8:19-20; Matthew 24:4; Luke 21:8; Acts 20:28-31; Ephesians 4:11-14; 2 Timothy 3:5-9, 12-13; 2 Peter 3:16b-18; Revelation 2:2.