

# The Character of the One Who Forgives



# Colossians 3:12-14

<sup>12</sup> So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

<sup>14</sup> Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

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Main Point: When a believer makes forgiveness an integral part of their character, it will be evidenced in their love for their fellow believers.

## Outline:

- 1 - The Who, The Where, and The Why (v 1-3)
- 2 - Philemon's Proven Character (v 4-5)
- 3 - Paul's Prayer and Expectation (v 6-7)



**Colossians 4:2.** [Paul writes the letter to Colossae in "chains," possibly from Rome.]



**Rome to Colossae.**  
1180 miles (1890 km)  
by land and sea



# Matthew 5:23-24

<sup>23</sup> “Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

# James 5:16

<sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. A prayer of a righteous person, when it is brought about, can accomplish much.



# 1 John 4:20-21

<sup>20</sup> If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

<sup>21</sup> And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also

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# Psalm 32:1-2

<sup>1</sup> How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,  
Whose sin is covered! <sup>2</sup> How blessed is the man to whom  
the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit  
there is no deceit!

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# John 13:34-35

<sup>34</sup> “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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# 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, <sup>5</sup> does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, <sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.



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# Ephesians 4:26

<sup>26</sup> BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger

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## 2 Corinthians 2:6-8

<sup>6</sup> Sufficient for such a one is this punishment, which was inflicted by the majority, <sup>7</sup> so that on the contrary you should rather forgive and comfort him, otherwise such a one might be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

<sup>8</sup> Wherefore I urge you to reaffirm your love for him.

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