

THE CROSS AND FORGIVENESS – PT 2
SERIES: THE WONDERFUL CROSS
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Colossians 1:19-1:23

¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of ^a your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

1. There is Forgiveness because of the Cross

- **The Cross declares that we are sinners (Colossians 1:21-22)**
- **The Cross declares there is a price to be paid for sin.**

The wages of sin is death...Romans 6:23

- **The Cross declares it is by Christ's death we are freed from sin.**

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin" Romans 6:1-16

2. Reflect Back On Forgiveness You Have Received And Forgive Others.

Love... keeps no record of wrongs... I Corinthians 13:5

- Parable of the unmerciful servant

3. Forgive Ourselves

Forgiveness is real when it comes from God, but it does not become real in my life until I learn how to forgive myself.

When we choose by an act of the will to accept what God has said as true, we accept God's acceptance of us.