

Memory Verse:

**"He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins"
Ephesians 1:7 (NLT)**



How does our memory verse (Ephesians 1:7) relate to forgiveness?

**Stay on point of the questions provided*

Matthew 18:21-35 / ESV, Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” **22** Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. **23** “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.^[h] **24** When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.^[i] **25** And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. **26** So the servant^[j] fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ **27** And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. **28** But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii,^[k] and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ **29** So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ **30** He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. **31** When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. **32** Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. **33** And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ **34** And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers,^[l] until he should pay all his debt. **35** So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

Application

- 1) We forgive because of the cross!
- 2) God is continuing to show us his unfailing mercy, patience, and love.

3) God is the king in that He remains patient even as we accrue a massive “debt” of sin.



Discussion Questions:

1. In the parable, how many bag of Gold did the first servant owe and why was the amount significant?

2. What was the debt of the second servant to the first, and how does it contrast with the first servants debt?

3. List four escalating steps of church discipline outlined in Matthew 18:15-17?

4. What emotion moved the King to forgive the first servants huge debt, and what did it reveal about Gods character