



the **lake** church

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Love One Another - # 4



FORGIVENESS:

Why it's **WAY** more important
than most people think it is. Okay
All religions value forgiveness, but only Christianity **requires it.**

Forgiveness and unity go together...
Unity and Loving One Another go together.

WHY SHOULD I FORGIVE OTHERS?

- 1. BECAUSE GOD HAS FORGIVEN ME.**
(Ephesians 4:32)
- 2. BECAUSE RESENTMENT CAUSES ME MORE PAIN.**
(Ecclesiastes 7:9)

3. BECAUSE I SOMETIMES NEED FORGIVENESS TOO

(1 John 1:9)

CAN YOU LOSE YOUR SALVATION?

(Matthew 6:14-15/Matthew 18:32-35/Hebrews 12:5-6/Jon 1:12/Jon 3:3/2 Corinthians 5:17/Titus 3:5/1 Peter 1:3)

The Answer: A resounding, clear, emphatic, joyful, glorious **“NO.”**

WHAT FORGIVENESS IS NOT...

(Jeremiah 31:34/Gen 8:1/Prov 14:15/2 Sam 12:13-14)

- ✓ Pretending it never happened.
- ✓ Minimizing the seriousness of the offense.
- ✓ Instant restoration of trust.
- ✓ Resuming the relationship without any changes.

THE REQUIRED CHANGES ARE:

1. Genuine repentance
2. Restitution where possible
3. Rebuilding of trust over a period of time
(Luke 18:27)

WHAT FORGIVENESS IS ...

(Romans 12:17-21/Eph 4:30-32/Hebrews 8:12/Phil 3:13-14/Rom 12:2)

- ✓ Refusing to seek revenge.
- ✓ Giving others what God gave me (Forgiveness)
- ✓ Refusing to be consumed by the past
- ✓ Refusing to let them live in your mind.
- ✓ Good for your health.

When God forgives us, does He really **FORGET** our sin?

(Isaiah 43:25/Hebrews 10:17/Jeremiah 31:34/Genesis 8:1)

FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER!

We cannot receive what we are unwilling to give.