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## **2013 Basic Doctrines (25)** **(Forgive as Forgiven)**

Today's lesson is an extension of last Sunday's lesson entitled, [God's Judicial Forgiveness](#).

In our lesson text, Paul commanded the Church at Ephesus, "Be (ginimai / p.a.impv.2pl) **kind** (chrestos/ Gal.5:22) to one another, **tenderhearted (eusplagchnos)** [Compassionate] (1 Pet.3:8), **forgiving** (charizomai/ p.m.ptc nplm) each other, **just as** (kathos) (adverb of comparison) God in Christ also has **forgiven** (charizomai/ a.m.ind.3ps) you." (Eph.4:32; Rev.2:1-7) (The church of Ephesus)

Believe it or not, this was a common problem within a spiritually growing congregation. Paul has outlined details in resolving internal problems of such a congregation in (Eph.4:17-32.)

- **Stop living** a life style like unbeliever (Eph.4:17-19).
- **Start leaving** the old man manner life style (Eph.4:20-22).
- **Start learning** to live the new man life of righteousness and holiness. The congregation family and the congregation family must be forgiving with each other for spiritual growth to take place (Eph.4:23-32).

Paul concludes addressing this problem with a three-fold command. Write the three things Paul encouraged the congregation to BECOME in order to be a spiritually healthy family in (Eph.4:32).

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What is the example of comparison (Just as) \_\_\_\_\_

<b>This lesson will study four aspects of how Christian are to Forgive as Forgiven.</b>
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### **1. A different Greek verb is used other than aphiemi when speaking of God's Judicial Forgiveness (Eph.1:7-8a). The Greek verb used in Eph.4:32 is charizomai (to bestow grace).**

We are to forgive others by bestowing God's grace on them. We are to do this just as God in Christ did it to us on the basis of His Judicial Forgiveness when we, by faith, believe in the gospel of Jesus Christ (Eph.1:7-8a; 2:8-9; Rom.1:16).

Paul is emphasizing God's Grace Oriented Attitude shown towards others who we feel have offended us.

**You have heard, to err is human but to forgive is divine.** To forgive other believers unconditionally is "New Man" thinking and living (Eph.4:17-32).

2. **In the parable of the Two Debtors (Luke 7:36-50). Jesus used charizomai (vs.42) to illustrate the grace attitude extended to another – “When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both.”**

The Setting	(Lk.7:36-39)
The Sermon	(Lk.7:40-43)
The Sinner	(Lk.7:44-47)
The Saved	(Lk.7:48-50)

3. **It is important to forgive yourself as well as others – “Just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.” (Eph.4:32)**

Sometimes we find it difficult to forgive ourselves out of misplaced guilt, regret and/or remorse (OMCD). What does God remember about your sin? “**As far as** the east from the west, **so far** has He removed our transgressions from us.” (Ps.103:12)

- **First**, understand that YOU are judicially forgiven for all YOUR sin and not just some at the cross by faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ (Eph.1:7-8a).
  - (Isa.53:25) “I, even I, am the One who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins.”
- **Second**, understand that that judicially forgiveness is extended to the Believer as **parental forgiveness** with our confession of personal sin (1 John 1:9; Heb.12:5-11).

4. **Forgiving as Forgiven is part of “renewing the mind” from conformity to world to conformity to the known Will of God (Rom.12:2; Eph.4:23, 32).**

**YOU must be willing to, not just wanting to change!**

Paul wants the Church Age Believer (CAB) to understand HOW to break the cycle of bad behavior known as Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus thinking (OMCD) by replacing it with the renewing of New Man Divine Viewpoint thinking (NMDV) (Eph.4:17-32; Gal.5:16; 2 Cor.5:7; 2 Tim.3:16-17).

Note two actions:

- “**We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God,**
- **and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.” (2 Cor.10:5; Eph.4:2-24)**

The devil would like you to believe that because you struggle with sin in certain areas; there is NO HOPE for you so you might as well go back to your old worldly lifestyle (2 Cor.2:11; Eph.4:27).

(Eph.5:1) commands the Believer, as a son of God, to imitate God his Father.

“Be (ginimai / p.m.impv.2pl) imitators of God, as beloved children.”

(Eph.4:32 leads into Eph. 5:1, 7, 15)

**Therefore;** (oun) [Greek markers describe three ways we should “walk”.

(Eph.5:1-6) **Walk as love;** (Eph.7-14) **Walk as light,** (Eph.15-18) **Walk as wise.**