

Colossians 3.12-14 Part 3-1

The Hardest Thing You Will Do

1 Group

Colossians 3

(13) Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. (14) And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

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Four Promises of Forgiveness

I will not dwell on this incident.

I will not continually talk about this incident.

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Four Promises of Forgiveness

I will not talk to others about this incident.

I will not let this incident put a wedge between you and me.

Ken Sandy "Peacemaker"

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How Does God Forgive Us?

1. Sacrificially

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Ephesians 1

(7) In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

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How Does God Forgive Us?

2. Undeservedly

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How Does God Forgive Us?

3. Continually and Completely

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Matthew 18

(21) Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

(22) Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times

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Matthew 18

(23) “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. (24) As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him.

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Matthew 18

(25) Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

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Matthew 18

(26) “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’

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Matthew 18

(27) The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

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Matthew 18

(28) “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

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Matthew 18

(29) “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

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Matthew 18

(30) “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.

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Matthew 18

(32) “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. (33) Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’

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Matthew 18

(34) In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. (35) "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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1 Peter 1

(18) For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life ... (19) but with the precious blood of Christ,

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2 Chronicles 20

(15) This is what the Lord says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.

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Luke 9

(54) When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?"
(55) But Jesus turned and rebuked them.

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Luke 6

(27) "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, (28) bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

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Ephesians 4

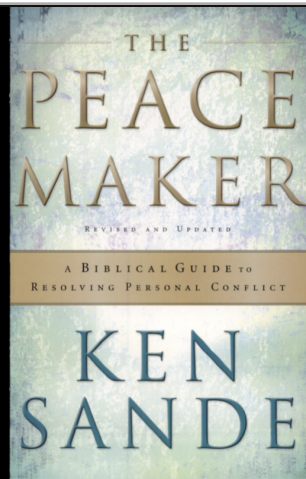
(31) Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. (32) Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

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Proverbs 15

(1) A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

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Proverbs 28

(13) Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

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Proverbs 16

(24) Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones

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1. Address everyone involved, everyone that was affected by your sin.

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2. Acknowledge the hurt that you caused.

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3. Avoid vague confessions; admit specifically what the issue is.

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4. Avoid these three words when apologizing
- If, But, Maybe

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5. Alter your behavior

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5. Accept the consequences

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(a) They will not forgive you

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(b) They will forgive you but will require a change in the relationship

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(c) They will forgive you and will zealously assure you that the relationship is healed

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The Rebellious Son in Luke 15

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Luke 15

(21) 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.

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Luke 15

(22) "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. (23) Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.

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God doesn't just forgive us,
He celebrates us.

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