

“Charge It To My Account!”
New Testament Postcard Sermon Series

“As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.” (**Psalm 103:12**)

“If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.” (**Psalm 130: 3-4**)

“Behold, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but in love you have delivered my life from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back.” (**Isaiah 38:17**)

1. Forgiveness is choosing to not _____.

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” (**Ephesians 4:32**)

2. Forgiveness also means that we _____.

“Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” (**Romans 12:19**)

3. Forgiveness involves _____ to evil with good.

4. Forgiveness must be _____.

“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?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.” (**Matthew 18:21-22**)

5. The dangers of an unforgiving spirit.

“Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiles.” (**Hebrews 12:14-15**)

A. Our witness is _____.

B. We stumble _____.

“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven.” (**Luke 6:36-37**)

C. Relationships with others are _____.

How do I know when I have forgiven?
Are forgiveness and reconciliation the same?

A postcard picture of the Gospel

Even as Christ did for us with God the Father, so St. Paul does for Onesimus with Philemon... We are all His Onesimus.

A. An undeserved _____.

“So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.” (**v.17**)

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us-for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.” (**Galatians 3:13**)

B. An unpayable _____.

“No one can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for them” (**Psalm 49:7**)

C. An unbelievable _____.

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (**2 Corinthians 5:21**)

“Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold but with His precious blood” (**1 Peter 1:18**)