



MATTHEW 18:21-22

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# WHY SHOULD I FORGIVE

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**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.”**

*Matthew 18:21-22*



**No one can ever say,  
“I’ve forgiven  
enough; now it’s time  
to hold a grudge.**

# Forgiveness, what does it mean?

- Forgiveness is not forgetting.
- Forgiveness is a choice, a decision of the will.
- Forgiveness is agreeing to live with the consequences of another person's sin.
- Forgiveness is choosing not to hold someone's sin against him or her anymore.



# How to forgive your brother/sister/enemy?



Matthew 18:23-35

- Not by quantity but by quality.
- Forgiveness is to be without limits.
- Forgiving from the heart.





# A call to exercise forgiveness as a principle of life.

Luke 6:27

Forgive, and you will be forgiven.



**You have heard that it was said, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take your tunic away, let him have your cloak also. And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.**

*Matthew 5:38-48*



# A call to forgiveness within the church.



Colossians 3:12-14

12 Since you have been chosen by God who has given you this new kind of life, and because of his deep love and concern for you, you should practice tenderhearted mercy and kindness to others. Don't worry about making a good impression on them, but be ready to suffer quietly and patiently.





# A call to forgiveness within the church.



Colossians 3:12-14

13 Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

14 Most of all, let love guide your life, for then the whole church will stay together in perfect harmony.



## CONCLUSION



- **Because Jesus cancelled my unpayable debt.**
- **Because my Father will hold me responsible for my unforgiveness.**
- **Because forgiving unhooks me from the consequences of unforgiveness.**

*Why Should I Forgive?*

**Blessed is he whose  
transgression is  
forgiven. Whose sin is  
covered.**



PSALM 32:1



# Pray with us

For “whoever calls on  
the name of the Lord  
shall be saved.”

ROMANS 10:13



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