

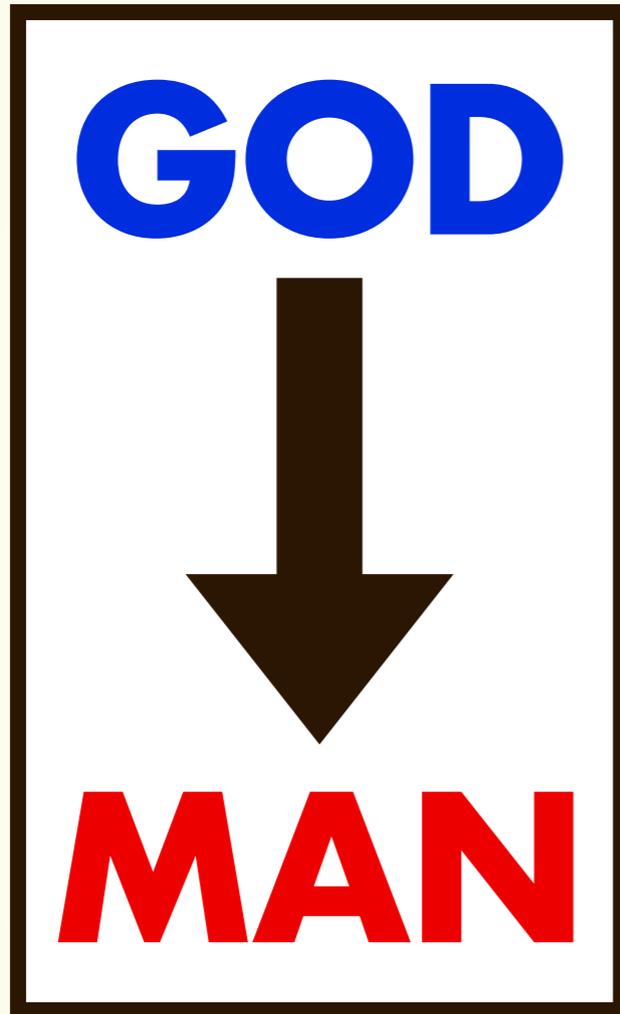
Forgiveness.

Psalm 32

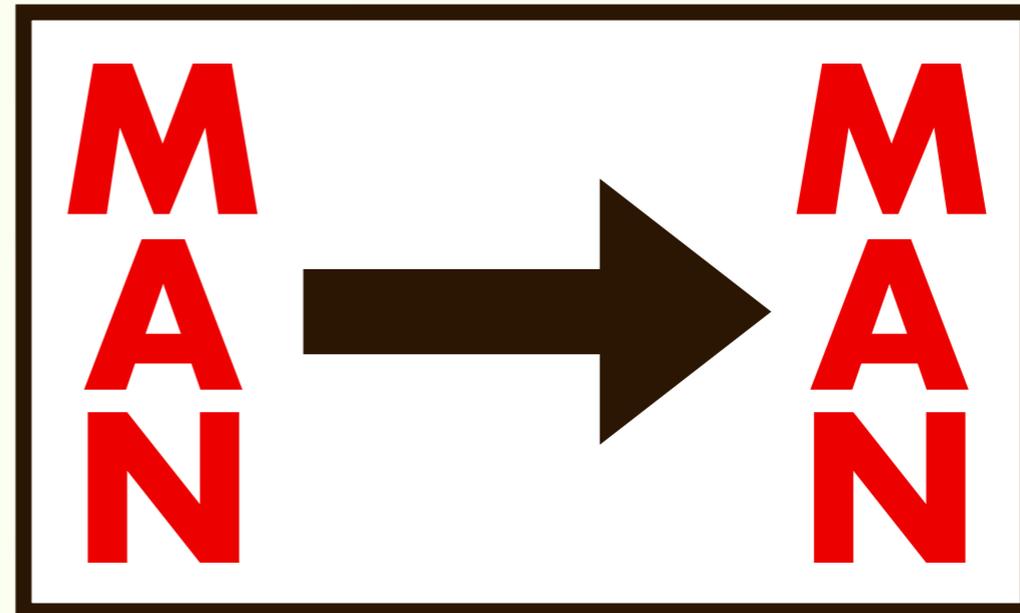


DISTINCTIONS OF FORGIVENESS

VERTICAL



HORIZONTAL



DISTINCTIONS OF FORGIVENESS

MATTHEW 6:9ff

"Our **Father... forgive us our debts** (↓), as **we also have forgiven our debtors** (↔)..."

COLOSSIANS 3:13

"...if *anyone* has a complaint *against another*...; **as the Lord has forgiven you** (↓), so **you also must forgive [others]** (↔)."



DESCRIPTIONS OF FORGIVENESS

PSALM 103:12 (David)

*"As far as the East is from the West, **SO far** does he remove our transgressions from us."*

ISAIAH 38:17 (Hezekiah)

*"...you have **thrown all my sins behind your back.**"*

MICAH 7:19 (Micah)

*"He will again *have compassion* on us; he will **tread our iniquities under foot;** and...**cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.**"*



DESCRIPTIONS OF FORGIVENESS

- ▶ ἀφεσις (36x total in NT)—“**to send away from**”¹
 - “the...**freeing from...obligation, guilt, or punishment**”²
 - “forgiveness or pardon, of sins (**letting them go as if they had never been committed**), remission of the penalty”³
- ▶ χαρίζομαι—“**to give freely as a favor, give graciously**”⁴
 - ROM. 8:32—God shall “**freely give**” us all that we need.
 - 2 COR. 2:7—“...*that he be not overcome with sorrow.*”
 - COL. 3:13—Paul uses the term twice in one verse:
 - * That which was extended to **us** by **Jesus** (↓);
 - * That which **we** are to extend to **one another** in Christ (↔).

¹ Jackson, Wayne. *Bible Words and Theological Terms Made Easy*. Stockton: Courier Publications, 2002. p. 63. Print. All emphases added.

² Danker, Frederick W. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. 3rd Ed. (BDAG). Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000. p. 155. Print. Color emphasis added.

³ Thayer, Joseph H. *Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*. Peabody: Hendrickson, 2009. p. 50. Print. All emphases added.

⁴ Danker. *Ibid.* p. 1078. Color emp. added.

DESCRIPTIONS OF FORGIVENESS

ACTS 3:19

Turn to God in Obedience = Sins "**Blotted Out**"
ἐξαλείφω—"remove so as to leave no trace, ...destroy,
obliterate"⁵

ACTS 22:16

Turn to God in Obedience = Sins "**Wash[ed] Away**"
ἀπολύω—"to loose from, sever..., undo; to set free."⁶

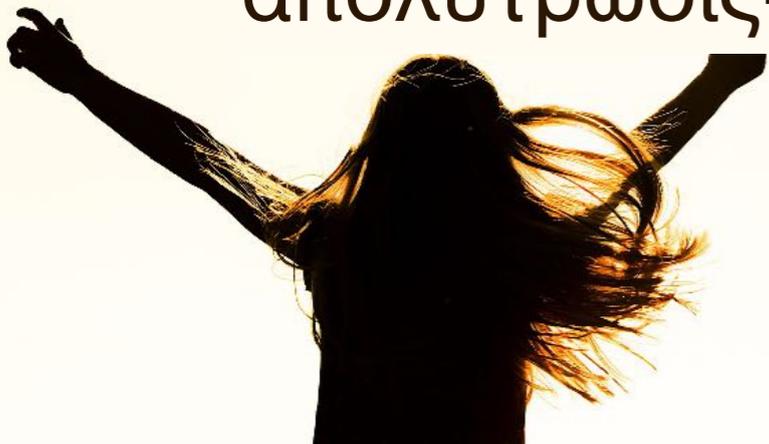
EPHESIANS 1:7

Turn to God in Obedience = **Redemption**
ἀπολύτρωσις—"release from a captive condition, ...
deliverance"⁷

⁵ Danker. Ibid. p. 344. Color emphasis added.

⁶ Thayer. Ibid. p. 66. All emphasis added.

⁷ Danker. Ibid. p. 117. Color emphasis added.



IMPLICATIONS OF FORGIVENESS

1. AN OFFENSE/TRESPASS/SIN

- ✓ *No Offense = No Forgiveness Needed!*
- ✓ That forgiveness is *required* for human beings suggests that they **have committed offenses against their Creator.**

2. PERSONAL INABILITY TO REMEDY

- ✓ **MATT. 18:21ff—Parable of Unjust Steward**
 - ▶ "...he **had not wherewith to pay...**" (25).
 - ▶ "...and, being moved with compassion, he **released him**, and **forgave him** the debt" (27).



CONDITIONS OF FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness Conditional for Those Outside of Christ?

- ▶ LUKE 23:34—“Father, **forgive them**, for *they know not what they do.*” —*Were they forgiven at that very moment?*
- ▶ ACTS 2:23—“...you, by the hand of lawless men, **did crucify and slay [the Christ]**...”
 - Upon evidence of their **belief** and **confession** (implied), Peter told them they must **do** some things *in order to receive the forgiveness Jesus wanted for them* (38):
 - * **Repent** of their past sins;
 - * Be **immersed in water** to *wash away* their past sins (cp. Acts 22:16).



Thus, for the "alien" sinner (cf. Eph. 2:12; 4:18; Col. 1:21) forgiveness is conditioned upon one's **turning to God in obedience to the truth** (cf. 1 Pet. 1:22).

"God is willing to freely forgive us (Rom. 6:23), but **there must be the expression of genuine faith in doing what he requires for the reception of that graciousness.**"⁸

⁸ Jackson, Wayne. "Understanding Forgiveness." ChristianCourier.com. Access date: May 27, 2017. <https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/887-understanding-forgiveness>. All emp. and ital. added.

CONDITIONS OF FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness Conditional For Those in Christ?

- ▶ When a child of God becomes *lax* and *transgresses* his Father's will, the pardon is **still conditional**.
- ACTS 8:22—"Repent therefore of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord, IF perhaps the thought of your heart shall be forgiven..."
- 1 JOHN 1:7—"...IF we walk in the light, as He..."
- 1 JOHN 1:9—"...IF we confess our sins..."
- MATT. 6:14,15—"...IF you forgive men *their trespasses*..."



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Thus, one who is in Christ, but who finds himself struggling with sin in his life, **must also meet certain conditions in order to receive forgiveness.**...

- MATT. 6:14,15—“...IF you **forgive men their trespasses...**”



JUBILATION OF FORGIVENESS

PSALM 32

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom Jehovah counts no iniquity,

And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; My strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.



JUBILATION OF FORGIVENESS

PSALM 32

I acknowledged my sin to you,

And **I did not cover my iniquity...**

And **you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Therefore **let everyone who is godly offer prayer
to you at a time when you may be found;**

**Surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not
reach him.**

You are a **hiding place** for me;

You **preserve me** from trouble;

You surround me with shouts of deliverance...



PSALM 32

**Be not like a horse or a mule, *without understanding,*
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.**

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

But **steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts
in Jehovah.**

Be glad in Jehovah, and **rejoice, O righteous,**

And **shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**



RAMIFICATIONS OF FORGIVENESS

LUKE 7:36-50

"And behold, a woman...was in the city, **a sinner**; ...and **standing behind at his feet, weeping**, she began to **wet his feet with her tears**, and **wiped them with the hair of her head**, and **kissed his feet**, and **anointed them with the ointment**" (37,38).

"A certain lender had two debtors: the one owed five hundred shillings, and the other fifty. When *they had not wherewith to pay*, he *forgave* them both. **Which of them...will love him most?**" (41,42).

"He, I suppose, **to whom he forgave the most**" (43).

"See this woman? ...**Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little**" (44-47).



"From this incident we must learn this lesson: **To whatever degree we savor the value of our forgiveness from God...will our thanksgiving be reflected in a measure of service to the Lord.** May heaven help us to treasure the redemption of our souls, and to **demonstrate such by faithful daily service.**"⁹

⁹ Jackson. Ibid. All emp. and ital. added.

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Psalm 103:12

