

# **“Forgiven and Forgiving”**

## **Col. 3:12-15**

### Introduction

- I. Every person needs forgiveness from time to time (Rom. 3:23).
- II. We must keep in mind that if we want forgiveness, then we must be forgiving.

### Discussion

- I. Christians are blessed to have forgiveness of their sins.
  - A. There is reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:17-21).
  - B. There is salvation from wrath (Rom. 5:8-9).
  - C. There is redemption (Eph. 1:7).
- II. Christians should bless others by forgiving them of their sins.
  - A. If God is willing to forgive them, then we should do likewise (Eph. 4:32).
    1. Jesus forgave others (Mark 2:1-11; John 8:1-12; Luke 23:42-43).
    2. We imitate Jesus when we forgive (Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 3:18).
  - B. Forgiving others demonstrates a change in our lives (Col. 3:12-15).
- III. Forgiving others helps in restoration (cf. 1 Cor. 5 & 2 Cor. 2:1-11; Gal. 6:1, James 5:19-20; Jude 23).
- IV. There are dire consequences for being unwilling to forgive (Matt. 18:21-35; 6:14-15).

### Conclusion

- I. Being forgiven is wonderful, and why would we not want others to experience such joy?
- II. Let us always have the willingness and readiness to forgive.