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**Christ Died FOR Us**  
**Eph 4:32; Matt 18:21-25**



# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER

# Forgiving One Another

**Eph. 4:31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.**

**Eph. 4:32 And become kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.**

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## The Words for “Forgive”

**ἀφίημι v. (*aphieōmi*), “let go, cancel, remit, leave, forgive”**  
**ἀφεσις n. (*apheōsis*), “release, pardon, cancellation, forgiveness”**

**Emphasizes the *act* of forgiveness**

**καρίζομαι v (*charizomai*), show favour or kindness, give as a favour, to be gracious to someone, to pardon;**

**Emphasizes the *attitude* underlying forgiveness.**

# **FOUR Categories of Forgiveness**

- 1. Forgiveness directed toward God, where the justice of God cancels the debt of sin. For all mankind without distinction. *Forensic Forgiveness***
- 2. Forgiveness positionally *in Christ*. Eph 1:7**
- 3. Experiential forgiveness, 1 John 1:9**
- 4. Relational forgiveness, Eph 4:32**

**Col 2:13 And you, when you were dead in your transgression and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, because He had already graciously cancelled/forgiven all our transgressions,**

**Col 2:14 by eradicating the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.**

**Col 2:15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.**

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**1Cor. 4:16 Therefore I urge you, imitate me.**

**1Cor. 11:1 Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.**

**1Th. 1:6 ¶ And you became followers [imitators] of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,**

**1Th. 2:14 For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans,**

**Heb. 6:12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.**

**Gal. 4:19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth  
again until Christ is formed in you,**

**Ro 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also appointed to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. (RD)**

**Rom 12:2 Do not be conformed (pressed into the mold) of the world, but be transformed... by the renovation, overhaul, of your thinking (how you think, what you think) that you might demonstrate with your life that God's will is good and acceptable and complete. [RD]**

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**ἀγαπητός *agapētos* neut**

**plur nom (verbal)**

**beloved; Frequently used  
of an only child, receiving  
the full attention and love  
of the parent**



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**Eph. 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,**

**Eph. 4:17 ¶ This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,**

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(+gen) as a preposition  
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**John 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”**

**1Cor. 5:7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.**