

## Forgiveness 5

### II Corinthians 2:5-11

Last and this week we cover the benefits of forgiveness. This Scripture passage regards Paul teaching the church at Corinth that it needs to forgive the man who was rebellious towards Paul and restore him to fellowship. Last week we looked at Forgiveness Deflects Pride, Forgiveness Shows Mercy and Forgiveness Restores Joy. We finish the 7 Benefits this Sunday.

#### IV. Forgiveness Affirms Love.

The church had publicly noted the man's rebellion and began treating him as a tax collector. Paul now calls on them to publicly announce/show their \_\_\_\_\_ for him. It's the real test of love: how \_\_\_\_\_ we forgive when offended. "Almost nothing can fracture a church where \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, because unresolved issues are never left to \_\_\_\_\_." (MacArthur).

#### V. Forgiveness Proves Obedience

The church had been obedient in removing the man from the church due to his unrepentant behavior. Now that he had repented, they needed to be obedient in restoring him.

Some things are easier to do for sure, like singing, praying, reading Scripture. Affirming someone after their sin and repentance can be difficult but necessary.

#### VI. Forgiveness Revitalizes Fellowship

In this thought Paul was re-emphasizing that bitterness and vengeance had no place in a church. \_\_\_\_\_ was vital. Paul wanted to make sure the entire church understood that he had forgiven this man.

#### VII. Forgiveness Thwarts Satan

Do we really have to say again that Satan always has an \_\_\_\_\_? Unforgiveness hinders the very benefits we've been covering. In a person, unforgiveness destroys that individual. It also will destroy a church as well. Having an unforgiving spirit provides a \_\_\_\_\_ ground for him and a tremendous advantage as well.

Where \_\_\_\_\_ reigns, Satan \_\_\_\_\_.

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### Forgiveness: A Summary of 5 Sundays

- Forgiveness is not an \_\_\_\_\_
- Forgiveness is a \_\_\_\_\_
- Forgiveness is \_\_\_\_\_!
- Should We Confront Everything?
- The Model/Motivation for Forgiveness
- What If I'm the Problem?
- What If I Can't Forgive Myself?
- Forgiveness Deflects Pride
- Forgiveness Shows Mercy
- Forgiveness Restores Joy
- Forgiveness Affirms Love
- Forgiveness Proves Obedience
- Forgiveness Revitalizes Fellowship
- Forgiveness Thwarts Satan

The only way that you can refuse to forgive someone is if their sin against you is greater than your sin forgiven by Jesus Christ.

The Christian is to always be moving from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.