

Forgiveness in Scripture

Holman Christian Standard Bible

Ecclesiastes 7:9

- 9 Don't let your spirit rush to be angry,
for anger abides in the heart of fools.

Proverbs 19:11

- 11 A person's insight gives him patience,
and his virtue is to overlook an offense.

Proverbs 10:12

- 12 Hatred stirs up conflicts,
but love covers all offenses.

1 Peter 4:8

- 8 Above all, maintain an intense love for each other, since love covers a multitude of sins.[a]

Matthew 5:43-48

Love Your Enemies

43 "You have heard that it was said, Love your neighbor[a] and hate your enemy. 44 But I tell you, love your enemies[b] and pray for those who[c] persecute you, 45 so that you may be[d] sons of your Father in heaven. For He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward will you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same?

Psalms 32: 1-5

The Joy of Forgiveness

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- 1 How joyful is the one
whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered!
2 How joyful is the man
the Lord does not charge with sin
and in whose spirit is no deceit!
3 When I kept silent, my bones became brittle
from my groaning all day long.
4 For day and night Your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was drained[a]
as in the summer's heat.Selah
5 Then I acknowledged my sin to You
and did not conceal my iniquity.
I said,
"I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and You took away the guilt of my sin.Selah

Psalms 130:3-4

- 3 YHWH, if You considered sins,
Lord, who could stand?
4 But with You there is forgiveness,
so that You may be revered.

Isaiah 1:18

- 18 "Come, let us discuss this,"
says the Lord.
"Though your sins are like scarlet,
they will be as white as snow;
though they are as red as crimson,
they will be like wool.

Isaiah 43:25

25 “It is I who sweep away your transgressions
for My own sake
and remember your sins no more.

Isaiah 55:6-7

6 Seek the Lord while He may be found;
call to Him while He is near.
7 Let the wicked one abandon his way
and the sinful one his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord,
so He may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for He will freely forgive.

Ephesians 4:31-32; 5:1-2

31 All bitterness, anger and wrath, shouting and slander must be removed from you, along with all malice. 32 And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you[a] in Christ. 1 Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children. 2 And walk in love, as the Messiah also loved us and gave Himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God.

Colossians 3:12-13

The Christian Life

12 Therefore, God’s chosen ones, holy and loved, put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, 13 accepting one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive.

1 John 3:15

15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

Psalms 51:4

4 Against You—You alone—I have sinned
and done this evil in Your sight.
So You are right when You pass sentence;
You are blameless when You judge.

James 2:13

13 For judgment is without mercy to the one who hasn’t shown mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Matthew 5:7

7 The merciful are blessed,
for they will be shown mercy.

Matthew 6:12-15

12 And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And do not bring us into[a] temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.[b]
[For Yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.][c]

14 “For if you forgive people their wrongdoing,[d] your heavenly Father will forgive you as well.
15 But if you don’t forgive people,[e] your Father will not forgive your wrongdoing.[f]

Psalm 66:18

18 If I had been aware of malice in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.

Romans 12:14-19

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. 16 Be in agreement with one another. Do not be proud; instead, associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own estimation. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Try to do what is honorable in everyone's eyes. 18 If possible, on your part, live at peace with everyone. 19 Friends, do not avenge yourselves; instead, leave room for His[a] wrath. For it is written: Vengeance belongs to Me; I will repay,[b] says the Lord.

1 Peter 5:10

10 Now the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will personally[a] restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little.[b]

2 Corinthians 12:10

10 So I take pleasure in weaknesses, insults, catastrophes, persecutions, and in pressures, because of Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

1 Peter 2:19-23

19 For it brings favor[a] if, mindful of God's will,[b][c] someone endures grief from suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is there if you sin and are punished, and you endure it? But when you do what is good and suffer, if you endure it, this brings favor with God.

21 For you were called to this,
because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example,
so that you should follow in His steps.
22 He did not commit sin,
and no deceit was found in His mouth;[d]
23 when He was reviled,
He did not revile in return;
when He was suffering,
He did not threaten
but entrusted Himself to the One who judges justly.

Luke 6:37

Do Not Judge

37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Matthew 18:21-22

The Parable of the Unforgiving Slave

21 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how many times could my brother sin against me and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

22 "I tell you, not as many as seven," Jesus said to him, "but 70 times seven.[a]

Psalm 86:5

5 For You, Lord, are kind and ready to forgive,
rich in faithful love to all who call on You.

Mark 11:25

25 And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven will also forgive you your wrongdoing.

1 John 1:9

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hebrews 8:12

12 For I will be merciful to their wrongdoing,
and I will never again remember their sins.[a][b]

Proverbs 17:9

9 Whoever conceals an offense promotes love,
but whoever gossips about it separates friends.

Psalms 103:12

12 As far as the east is from the west,
so far has He removed
our transgressions from us.

Daniel 9:9

9 Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against Him.

Hebrews 10:17

17 He adds:

I will never again remember
their sins and their lawless acts.[a]

Ephesians 1:7-8

7 We have redemption in Him through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace 8 that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

Colossians 1:13-14

13 He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son He loves. 14 We have redemption,[a] the forgiveness of sins, in Him.