

TAKEAWAY ACTION

I CHOOSE, by faith, to have a RELATIONSHIP
with God through Jesus Christ.

I CHOOSE, by faith, to trust in GOD'S GOODNESS,
and not in my own.

I CHOOSE, by faith, to put MY FAITH IN HIM,
not myself.

At [GraceLife Church](#), our mission is drawing people
into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ!



MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize: **Ephesians 4:32 - Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.**
- Accept Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord. 1st Time Recommit
- I choose to receive salvation God's way, by faith.
- I choose to live every day God's way, by faith.
- I will apply today's message by _____
_____.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

⇒ Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

A Great Salvation - Part 18 Forgiveness

Various Text

October 10, 2021

Pastor Michael Weis / [GraceLifeNow.org](#)

Memory Verse

**Ephesians 4:32 - Be kind to one another, tenderhearted,
forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.**

Order of Service:

5 Before 5 (Last chance to get coffee)

Preparation for Singing – Prayer

Announcements

Prayer

Connection Card (please fill out and add prayer requests)

Singing

Video

Message

Prayer

Upcoming Events

Connection Card (time to get those praises & prayers listed)

Offering

Final Thoughts

We all sing “As we go”

Goodbye and God Bless

Please stay afterwards, talk and make a friend while having another cup of coffee.

A. Defining Forgiveness

In *Forgive and Love Again*, John Nieder and Thomas Thompson (pp. 62-63) point out that the Bible uses at least 75 different word pictures of forgiveness. Here are a few:

- "To forgive is to turn the key, open the cell door, and let the prisoner walk free."
- "To forgive is to write in large letters across a debt, 'Nothing owed.'"
- "To forgive is to pound the gavel in a courtroom and declare, 'Not guilty!'"
- "To forgive is to shoot an arrow so high and so far that it can never be found again."
- "To forgive is to loose the moorings of a ship and release it into the open sea."

Here are more: washed, cleansed, purified, white as snow, sprinkled (Heb. 10:22), holy, born again, freedom, delivered, adopted, once darkness but now light (Col. 1:13-14), remove sin as far as the east is from the west (Ps. 103:10-14 - esp. 12), redemption (Eph. 1:7), bought or redeemed and ransomed (Is. 51:11).

B. Forgiveness in the Old Testament

Psalms 130:3, Isaiah 38:17, 43:25, Micah 7:18-19

Leviticus 1-6 - 5 offerings: there are common factors.

1. The person who *brought the sacrifice*, put his/her hands on the heads of the animals, picturing a *transfer of guilty from the person to the animal*.
2. A price had to be paid for forgiveness.
3. They were offered after sin was realized.
4. Though not stated here, there was a *payback* or *recompense*.
5. If people followed what God said, He stated their *sin would be forgiven*.
6. There was no sacrifice for pre-meditated sin - *only punishment by death*.

C. Forgiveness in the New Testament

Romans 3:23, 5:6-11, 8:1, 31-34, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Hebrews 8:8-12

(quotes Jeremiah 31:31-34), 9:27-28, 1 Peter 2:24

Colossians 2:13-14 - And you (Gentiles), who were dead in your trespasses and *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary: NT*, p. 386

D. Forgiveness in Our Lives

1. What Forgiveness Isn't
 - Eliminating -
 - Enabling -
 - Excusing -
2. What Forgiveness is
3. Steps of Forgiveness
 - Initiation
 - Extension
 - Reconciliation
4. Questions about Forgiveness
 - Can or Does God Forget?
 - What if I can't forgive myself?
 - Should we bring up something from the past we have forgiven?