
The Lord God's Ekklesia

Part 7 – A People Transformed and Filled Up by God's Grace

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Matthew 18:21-35

Matthew 18:21 NLT

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Matthew 18:22

“No, not seven times,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven!”

Matthew 18:23

Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with his servants.

Matthew 18:24

In the process of reconciling his accounts, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars.

Matthew 18:25

He couldn't pay, so his master ordered that he be sold—along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned—to pay the debt.

Matthew 18:26

But the man fell down before his master and begged him, 'Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.'

Matthew 18:27

Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt.

Matthew 18:28

But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment.

Matthew 18:29

His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it,' he pleaded.

Matthew 18:30

But his creditor wouldn't wait. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full.

Matthew 18:31

When some of the other servants saw this, they were very upset. They went to the king and told him everything that had happened.

Matthew 18:32

Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me.'

Matthew 18:33

Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?'

Matthew 18:34

Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt.

Matthew 18:35

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Principle #1

If we truly want to live in a way that truly honors and glorifies the Lord, we need to stop having a religious, bare minimum mentality.

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Principle #2

God's incomprehensible forgiveness is fueled by His amazing love, grace, and mercy.

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Grace is getting what we don't
deserve. **Mercy** is not getting
what we do deserve.

What Forgiveness is not

- **It is not a narrowly defined list of actions.**
- **It is not about positioning yourself to be abused, hurt, or taken advantage of repeatedly.**
- **It is not an obligation one carries out with a cold soul.**

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- **It is not something that guarantees restoration or reconciliation.**
- **It is not something that expresses itself cruelly.**
- **It is not something that is self serving.**

What Forgiveness is not

- **It is not something that is genuine simply because one says the words.**
- **It is not something that you will always feel joyous about.**
- **It does not mean there are no consequences for actions.**

Principle #3

Anyone who genuinely asks for God's forgiveness, mercy, and grace, will receive it, because God offers it to anyone and everyone.

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Principle #4

Forgiving others is not about giving people what they deserve. It is based on whether or not we have truly received and genuinely been filled up by God's love, forgiveness, grace, and mercy towards us.

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Principle #5

Every symptom of unforgiveness (bitterness, anger, jealousy, hard-heartedness, rage, vengeance, hate, etc.) harms the one holding on to them the most.

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Principle #6

If you choose not to forgive others, God will not forgive you either.

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Principle #7

Those who have been transformed and filled up by God's Grace, will not only be witnesses but also examples of the supernatural, transforming power that is available in the Holy Spirit.

Every professing Christian believes in forgiveness – especially when they sin against others (in some cases it is even expected or demanded), but few choose forgiveness when they have something or someone to forgive.

If we choose not to forgive others (especially those who are or were closest to us) it may be evidence of the fact that we have not yet truly received or been genuinely filled up by God's love, forgiveness, grace, and mercy.

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