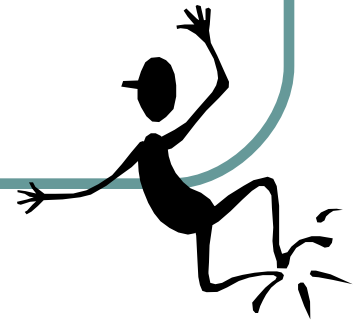
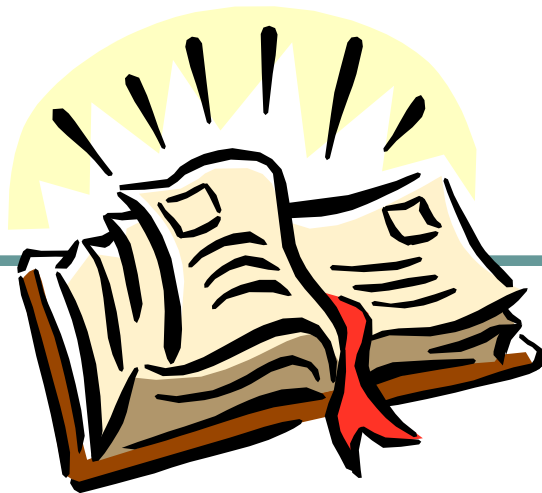
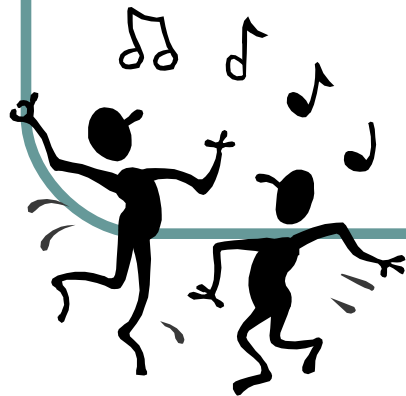


Forgiven and forgiving

Mark 11:25,26



“FORGIVEN”

Acts 13:38

Acts 26:18

Ephesians 1:7

Colossians 1:14

Meditating on God's forgiveness can be a very beneficial reminder of how much God loves you. If you are a child of God, He has canceled your sin debt.

FORGIVEN!

By Christ's loving act of grace, believers are eternally freed from the penalty and guilt of sin. Once we're covered by the Blood of Christ, God doesn't keep a record of our sins. Our forgiveness is total and complete.

Psalm 103:12

Two sides of Forgiveness

- 1. Judicial – The penalty paid, the law satisfied. “Redeemed” I’m free!**
- 2. Family – The offense forgotten, friendship and fellowship restored. “Reconciliation” The prodigal has returned!**

FORGIVING

Matthew 6:12

Luke 17:4

Ephesians 4:32

Colossians 3:13

"I can forgive, but I cannot forget, is only another way of saying, I will not forgive. Forgiveness ought to be like a canceled note--torn in two, and burned up, so that it never can be shown against one."-- Henry Ward Beecher

FORGIVEN & FORGIVING

**Can anything reveal God
in us any greater than
our choice to forgive
anyone and everyone
who hurts us?**

Luke 23:34 and Acts 7:60

I. The Pain - “Trespases”

Anything against, an offense: a sin, misdeed, a lapse of what is right or when someone has wronged us, done us dirt!

It happens:

Matthew 17:27

Mark 9:42

1 Corinthians 8:13

James 3:2

OFFENDED ?

- 1. It builds walls – Proverbs 18:19**
- 2. It brings wrath – Genesis 40:1-3**
- 3. It begins woes – Eph. 4:31,32**

"Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment and the handcuffs of hate. It is a power that breaks the chains of bitterness and the shackles of selfishness." -- William Ward

II. The Path - “Forgive”

Aphiemi = **send it away**, divorce, let go, give up the dept, abandon it, leave it!

- It's ***commanded*** – Romans 12:17
- It's ***continual*** – Luke 17:4
- It's ***cleansing*** – 2 Corinthians 2:1-11
- It's ***Christ-like*** – 2 Samuel 19:22,23

Life is an adventure in forgiveness.

Forgiveness is not an emotion, it's ***a decision.***

III. The Pattern - your Father

- 1. *He achieved it*** – Ephesians 1:7; 2:7.
Romans 5:15-20; Titus 3:5 (He took the initiative; the first step)
- 2. *He announced it*** – Acts 10:36;13:38.
II Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:17
- 3. *He activates it*** – Romans 10:13
I John 1:9,10; John 8:11

Mark 11:25,26 teaches

Why would we expect God to forgive us if we won't forgive our brother or sister.

To God be the GLORY!

I'm forgiven and forgiving!

