

Message

"I'll Forgive, But I Will Not Forget"



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- **Most world religions include teachings on the nature of forgiveness**

- **Islam**
- **Judaism**
- **Christianity**



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■ **Matthew 6:8-15**

– **Forgiveness is a daily activity**

- **We cannot enjoy forgiveness ourselves, if we are not exercising it towards others**

■ **Ephesians 4:30-32**

– **Christian Walk / Attitude of Mercy or Love**

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■ **Mark 11:20-25**

– **To Release / To Hurl Away / To Free Yourself From Something**

■ **Forgiveness vs. Excusing**

❖ **Forgiveness does not mean "ceasing to blame", but rather, "letting go of resentment". - C. S. Lewis**

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■ **Colossians 3:12-13**

– **Christian Walk**

- **"...just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you."**

■ **Matthew 18:21-35**

– **Unmerciful Servant**

- **"My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart."**

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- **Galatians 6:7-10**
 - God is not mocked
- **Genesis 6:3, 5-9, 11-13, 22**
 - II Peter 2:5 "...preacher of righteousness..."
 - Hebrews 11:7 "...heir of righteousness..."

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■ **Application To Life:**

4 Stages of Forgiveness

1. We **Feel** the injury
2. We **Hate**; resentment or actual hatred
3. We **Heal**; let go of hatred
4. We **Forget**; we no longer allow our past resentments to be the judge of the trespasser.

"Often we think of forgiveness as a gift to the other person, but it clearly is a gift to ourselves."