



## "Reflections of Grace: Displaying the Forgiveness of Christ"

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17

Sunday, July 27, 2014

### Paul's Prescription for Grace Reflection:

1. An \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 13a)

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-3:

2. An \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 13b)

When offended the believer is not to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_.

**Forgiveness is a multifaceted \_\_\_\_\_:**

1. A promise to not bring it up against \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A promise not to bring up the offense negatively \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A promise to not bring it up \_\_\_\_\_...but if and when I do, to remind myself of this promise AND to remind myself of the forgiveness I myself have received in Christ.

**Forgiveness is not about forgetting, but about \_\_\_\_\_ the offender and \_\_\_\_\_ my right to hold the offense against them any longer.**

Scripture: Hebrews 12:15

3. An \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 13c)

The believer must \_\_\_\_\_ God's forgiveness, then worshipfully and intentionally respond to the wrongs of others by graciously \_\_\_\_\_ towards them.

For the believer, the only biblical option when wronged is \_\_\_\_\_.

God's forgiveness is...

- \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 1:9; Matthew 18:21-22)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 103:12; Isaiah 1:18; Colossians 2:13)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 43:25; Hebrews 8:12)

We must \_\_\_\_\_ and then allow our \_\_\_\_\_ of forgiveness to inform and shape our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:**

- Are you helping create an atmosphere of GRACE wherever God has you?
- Is there someone you need to forgive?
- Do you need to reflect more deeply on the Gospel and upon God's gracious forgiveness through Christ?
- Have you experienced the forgiveness of Christ?



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#### 1. An **Atmosphere of Grace** (v. 13a)

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#### 2. An **Aptitude of Forgiveness** (v. 13b)

When offended the believer is not to **fight** or **flee**, but **forgive**.

**Forgiveness is a multifaceted promise:**

1. A promise to not bring it up against **the offender**.
2. A promise not to bring up the offense negatively **to others**.
3. A promise to not bring it up **to myself**...and if and when I do, to remind myself of this promise AND to remind myself of the forgiveness I myself have received in Christ.

**Forgiveness is not about forgetting, but about releasing the offender and relinquishing my right to hold the offense against them any longer.**

Scripture: Hebrews 12:15

#### 3. An **Act of Reflection** (v. 13c)

The believer must **reflect upon** God's forgiveness, then worshipfully and intentionally respond to the wrongs of others by graciously **reflecting God's forgiveness** towards them.

For the believer, the only biblical option when wronged is **FORGIVENESS**.

God's forgiveness is...

- **Accessible** (1 John 1:9; Matthew 18:21-22)
- **Complete** (Psalm 103:12; Isaiah 1:18; Colossians 2:13)
- **Final** (Isaiah 43:25; Hebrews 8:12)

We must **forgive** and then allow our **commitment** of forgiveness to inform and shape our **feelings**.

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