

This week's challenge:

"Forgiveness liberates the soul, it removes fear. That's why it's such a powerful weapon"

Nelson Mandela

Whom should we be forgiving just now? Someone close to us?
Someone in the news? Someone we live with?

How can we forgive ourselves for mistakes and wrong-doing in our past life so that we can go freely into the future?

And for our Church:

How can we show people outside the church that forgiveness frees us from the past and enables us to grow in the future?



Lord of Life

I have cherished negative thoughts about myself and about others, help me to forgive all that is past, to use the present moment to rejoice, and to dedicate the future to growth, with forgiveness for all.

Amen

Come with us, Lord Jesus;

Fill us with your Spirit;

Shape us to your likeness;

Use us to enfold with love our needy world.

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Part 7

of our

Christian Values Exploration



Forgiveness Service Hope
Wisdom Koinonia
Endurance Humility
Friendship Compassion
Peace Justice Creation
Thankfulness Trust



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After-Church Discussion
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Luke 17:3-4

Be alert. If you see your friend going wrong, correct him. If he responds, forgive him. Even if it's personal against you and repeated seven times through the day, and seven times he says, 'I'm sorry, I won't do it again,' forgive him.

Ephesians 4:31-2

Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting, profane talk. Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you.

Colossians 3:12-14

So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.