

Follow Christ's Example to Forgive

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Colossians 3:1-14

Let's face it: forgiveness is downright hard sometimes. It's hard to genuinely forgive someone and count their transgressions against them no more. Colossians 3 calls us to forgive each other just as Christ forgave us. We have a biblical mandate to forgive, but that doesn't make it easy.

Perhaps one of the keys to understanding how to forgive can be found in verse 3: "For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God." Those who are dead are not at all concerned about being offended, hurt, or sinned-against. Paul reminds us as we have died to ourselves in Christ, we can set our hearts and minds on things above.

Maybe a key to understanding how to forgive comes from understanding who we are in Jesus. When we are in Christ, life is no longer about my life, my liberty, and my rights. It's about the Resurrection life of Jesus flowing in me—a life that comes only by way of the cross. Remember: the way of the cross is the way of forgiveness.

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