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Grace Baptist Fellowship
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Forgiveness for the Christian

Matthew 18:15-35

*We can forgive others because of the forgiveness we have
received from Christ*

- I. The _____ of _____ (vs. 15-20)

- II. The _____ of _____ (vs. 21-22)

- III. The _____ of _____ (vs. 23-35)

“Yet nothing so characterizes the new nature of Christians as forgiveness, because nothing so characterizes the nature of their Lord. Jesus’ most striking and humanly incomprehensible words from the cross were, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing” (Luke 23:34). After being betrayed, falsely convicted, beaten, spat upon, and unjustly nailed to a cross to die an agonizing death, the Son of God harbored no hatred for His tormentors but instead offered them forgiveness. Following his Lord’s example, Stephen’s last words were, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them!” (Acts 7:60). He was at that moment being pummelled to death by stones for having committed no greater crime than preaching the gospel, yet his heart was not filled with bitterness but with compassion for his executioners. Forgiveness is the stuff of true godliness.”

-John F. MacArthur Jr., Matthew, vol. 3, MacArthur
New Testament Commentary