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**NOTE: We invite you to download our newly created "Promise Card" which is stored under Scriptures for Framing. We hope it will bless you.**

## Forgiven

Who am I in Christ except a sinner forgiven by Grace. It is an unimaginable gift of self sacrifice and mercy. A gift I could never earn or begin to understand why any one would love me that much. Yet it was offered freely with hopes that I would receive it — and expectations that I would pass it on.

God takes no pleasure in seeing His creation suffer and bear the penalties for their sins. He was willing to take the payment upon Himself so we could go free. In return, He asks that we prize the enormity of the gift and rejoice in sharing the same with others.



I think few of us recognize how great our debt was. Perhaps because we were better when compared to our brethren, but our comparison must be made to our Father God with whom we will spend eternity. That is where we all fall short. So very short. Only when we begin to comprehend the greatness of His gift to us do we realize our debt. Indeed, all our righteousness is as filthy rags.

God's plan is for us to become more and more like His perfect nature. As He has in his nature forgiven us, He expects us to forgive others. There is power in being forgiven. There is more power in forgiving. Unforgiveness is a chain on someone's soul. I once heard a story about a woman all distorted and in arthritic pain as she went for prayer. Upon discernment and questioning she confessed a hatred for her husband who had abused her, and she would never forgive him. She left as she had come. The only person the bitterness was hurting was herself.

I often think about Jesus and how He forgave those who were crucifying Him. A god-like act but then He was God. Then I think about Stephen, the first martyr. As he was being stoned to death, he asked God not to hold this sin against them. That was the action God wants from each of us. What was the fruit of his action? The Apostle Paul, who wrote one third of the new testament was birthed into the kingdom. I don't know if God would have chosen Paul or someone else without that action. We shall never know this side of eternity. All I know is that from the very lips of Jesus He said we have the power to remit or to retain sins in John 20:23. That is a powerful and awesome responsibility.

I love the parables of Jesus. He teaches us about forgiveness of debt in Matthew 18. Then in Matthew 20 he teaches about the last laborers receiving the same wage as the others. I have always felt I was one of those last laborers. Although I know it is not a wage but a gift, I am so eternally grateful for letting me have the same reward as the others. Let the last hour of our labor be as meaningful as those who labored all day.

*Father God, help us to forgive as we have been forgiven. Let it be a release to our own souls as much as it is to others. We want to reflect your glory in this world that all may know your true goodness, your true nature. You are all our desire and anything that*

*separates from you is a burden we cannot bear.*

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