

GOD IS FORGIVING: CHOOSE FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is one of the hardest things we will ever need to do. It feels simple in theory, but when we've been hurt deeply, it becomes anything but easy. Sometimes we convince ourselves we've already forgiven, only to find that our words, silences, and hidden resentments reveal otherwise.

We cannot truly forgive on our own strength; we forgive because our gracious God first forgives us. When the Lord revealed Himself to Moses, He declared His very nature as compassionate, gracious, abounding in love and forgiveness (Exodus 34:6-7). To walk in forgiveness, we must first know the God who forgives. Have you experienced the richness of true forgiveness? Let's look at three key aspects of what true forgiveness really means.

OUR ETERNAL IDENTITY

Forgiveness is not forgetting or ignoring consequences — rather, it is a choice rooted in who we are in Christ. Because we have been chosen by God, holy and beloved (Colossians 3:12), forgiveness is part of our eternal identity and daily practice. Jesus reminds us that He chose us, not the other way around (John 15:16), appointing us to live as His witnesses. As God's people, we are called to glorify Him, extend His grace, and live holy lives that reflect His forgiveness.

OUR EVERYDAY PRACTICE

We choose forgiveness by putting it to practice every day. Jesus teaches us that before we can receive

God's forgiveness, we need to forgive others first (Matthew 6:14-15). If we still choose to hold onto our unforgiveness, we tell God that the pain we experience is bigger than Him. Just as Joseph chose to forgive rather than condemn his brothers (Genesis 50:19-20), we too can find joy, peace, and restoration when we choose to make forgiveness our everyday practice. In return, we experience God's blessings through His pleasure, a display of Christlikeness, peace of mind and heart, and more.

OUR EXCELLENT MODEL

We choose forgiveness because Jesus Christ chose to forgive us first. When Peter asked Jesus how many times he ought to forgive, Jesus responded that we must forgive without keeping count, teaching that we must live with hearts always ready to forgive (Matthew 18:21-22). Think of the older brother in the parable of the Prodigal Son. Instead of rejoicing at his sibling's return, he demanded punishment, forgetting the love and grace he himself had received from their father (Luke 15:25-32). In the same way, when we cling to resentment, we lose sight of the mercy God has shown us. Justice and vengeance are never ours to carry; they belong to God alone (Romans 12:19).

Our task is simple but not easy: to forgive. And as we receive God's forgiveness through Christ, our hearts are transformed to extend that same forgiveness to others.

last week's memory verse

Even so Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.

GALATIANS 3:6-7

discuss this message

- What kind of faith do you have?
- Which area of faith do you need to grow?
- Are you passing your faith onto others? Who will you pass it on?

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Take heart, Jesus is the Light in the darkness.

Allow us to listen and pray for you at the Welcome Center!

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Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

WELCOME WEDNESDAYS
OPEN TO ALL

Family Life: Roles of Singles and Youth

with Ptr. Paul de Vera

October 22, Wednesday, 7:30 PM, MPH

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Attributes of God: God's Love

with Mary Ann Rodriguez

October 9, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

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Alpha Male: Learning the Ropes of How to Become a Man of God

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Power Up

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Ready, Set, Grow!

GLC LEVEL 1: Be a Disciple

BOOK 1: October 5, Sunday
10:30 AM, 2/F Annex Bldg.

BOOK 2: October 5, Sunday
1:30 PM, 2/F Annex Bldg.

BOOK 4: October 5, Sunday
1:30 PM, G/F Annex Bldg.

ZOOM: October 7, Tuesday, 7:30 PM

Learn God's design for the family!

GLC LEVEL 2: Be a Disciple

BOOK 7: October 5, Sunday
1:00 PM, Room 3A

ZOOM: October 9, Thursday, 7:30 PM

Lead to Multiply

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BOOK 12: Leadership Skills:

Biblical Counseling

with Ptr. Peter Tan-Chi

October 15, Wednesday

7:00 PM, MPH

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Use the E-Learning format

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Other Events

GLC GRADUATION 2025:

Burning Bush: God's Presence, God's Calling

November 22, Saturday, 1:00 PM, MPH

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If you have any concerns and feedback, our pastors are willing to listen.

Email them along with your name at

osp@ccf.org.ph — Pastor Peter Tan-Chi

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Note: Emails without **full name** shall not be entertained.

YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here for His purpose.

God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9*

God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13