

## Teachings of Jesus (Foundational)

- *“Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors... For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others... neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”* – Matthew 6:12, 14–15
- *“Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.”* – Matthew 18:21–22
- *“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, ‘Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.’”* – Matthew 5:43–44
- *“And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”* – Mark 11:25
- *“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged... forgive, and you will be forgiven.”* – Luke 6:36–37

## The Example of Jesus

- *“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”* – Luke 23:34

## Apostolic Teaching (How Believers Live This Out)

- *“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger... be put away from you... Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”* – Ephesians 4:31–32
- *“Put on then... compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another... forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”* – Colossians 3:12–13
- *“Repay no one evil for evil... Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’”* – Romans 12:17–19
- *“Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.”* 1 Peter 3:9
- *“Strive for peace with everyone... See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble.”* – Hebrews 12:14–15

## The Gospel Foundation (Why Forgiveness Matters)

- *“Repent and be baptized... in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.”* – Acts 2:38
- *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* – 1 John 1:9

## Identity & Freedom Connection

- *“Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.”* – Ephesians 4:26–27