

# Forgiveness & Repentance

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“You should just forgive.”

“If you don’t forgive, God doesn’t forgive you.”  
Should we just forgive?

What does God command concerning  
forgiveness and repentance?

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Truth #1 –

Man cannot forgive sins.

Luke 5 : 17 – 21

Jesus said – “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”

The scribes and Pharisees say – “Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Luke 17 : 1 – 4

Jesus said –

“...if he repents, forgive him.”

“‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”

If man cannot forgive sins, what are we forgiving?

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Truth #2 –

Sin has two consequences worldly and eternally.

I John 1 : 6; 2 : 4, 6

Sin separates our fellowship with God. – Eternal  
Lose our soul.

Matthew 16 : 26

I John 1 : 3, 7

The fellowship we have with each other is out of our  
fellowship with God. Sin breaks the fellowship we have with  
one another.— Worldly

Lose our fellowship with the brethren.

I Corinthians 5 : 6 – 8, 11

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Matthew 18 : 15 – 17

When your brother sins against you, what happens?

Their fellowship with God is broken.

Their fellowship with you is broken.

What is the goal of Jesus?

That fellowship is restored both with God and with you.

“...you have gained your brother.”

James 5 : 19 – 20

What happens if we don't gain him?

“:...let him be to you like a heathen...”

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I Corinthians 5 : 6 – 8, 11

Paul commanded the Corinth brethren to withdraw from the one in sin, who has not come back. – Worldly effect of sin

II Corinthians 2 : 6 – 8, 10

Paul commanded the Corinth brethren to accept back the one who had repented.

‘metanoeo’ - to think differently or afterwards, that is, reconsider; to change one’s mind for better, heartily to amend with abhorrence of one’s past sins

“...you have gained your brother.”

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### Repentance – When, Why, & How

We repent after we have sinned. – When

We repent because we have sinned. – Why

Since repentance is a change in mindset, heart, attitude, or actions – We repent by changing. – How

### Forgiveness – When, Why, & How

We are forgiven when we repent. – When

We are forgiven because we repent. – Why

We are forgiven by acknowledging a change needs to be made. – How



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### Private Sins

Jealousy, Greed, Covetousness, Lust, etc.

They are private because no one sees our heart. No one knows.

Is repentance needed? – Yes

Is forgiveness needed? – Yes

Is “public repentance” needed? – No

### Why?

I don't know you've sinned.

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### Public Sins

Robbing a bank, Murder, Cursing (w/an audience), etc.

They are public because everyone knows.

Is repentance needed? – Yes

Is forgiveness needed? – Yes

Is “public repentance” needed? – Yes

### Why?

For forgiveness? – No, man cannot forgive sins.

To let the brethren know you have changed your ways.