

What is Forgiveness?

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1. Forgiveness is freely offered to all

Acts 10:43 Ephesians 1:7

John 1:29 Luke 7:44-50

2. Forgiveness is reconciliation to God

2 Corinthians 5:10, 17-19 Romans 5:1

3. Forgiveness as a believer in Christ requires confession/repentance.

1 John 1:9 1 Corinthians 11:31-32

4. Forgiveness as a believer in Christ means a restored relationship.

1 John 1:6-7

5. Forgiveness as a believer in Christ has a dual nature.

Matthew 6:12, 14-15 Matthew 5:23-24 2 Cor 2:10-11

6. Forgiveness as a believer is not the absence of consequences.

2 Samuel 12:9-14

a. Confession leads to forgiveness. 2 Samuel 12:13

b. Confessed sin can still have consequences. Vs 9-12, 14

c. Confessed sin restores our relationship with God. Vs 20

Sin is a lost opportunity.

Confession and forgiveness are opportunities restored.