

Series Title:

“The Forgiveness Factor”

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Sermon Title:

“A Portrait of Forgiving Grace”
(Part II)

Harbour Shores Church

Sermon Text:

Philemon 1-25

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Introduction:

I. The Unique Character Of Philemon

II. The _____ Of Philemon

- Onesimus sought his freedom by _____ from his master but instead found his freedom by _____ The Master.
- John 8:32, 36; Colossians 3:12-13; 4:7, 9
- **Onesimus is now a believer in Christ – he left a _____ and now returns as a _____.**
- Matthew 6:14, 15

III. The _____ Of Philemon

- In Philemon, there is only one central issue, only one primary theme, and that is _____!
- Exodus 34:6; Psalm 32:1-2; 103:12; Proverbs 19:11
- **There are at least three ways in which the theme of forgiveness is presented in Scripture:** it is given in _____; it is given in _____; it is given in _____.
- This little letter to Philemon is a marvelous example of the strongest force in the universe – ***and that is the _____!***
- In the book of Philemon we see how relational conflict is to be resolved in a _____ and _____ manner.
- **Broken relationships happen because either there is no _____ or no _____.** (II Corinthians 2:10-11)

There are several key _____ to _____

The first person is _____ (vv. 16, 15, 18-19, 11-13; Colossians 4:10)

The second person is _____ (vv. 1, 19, 10, 11, 15, 16, 18-19)

The third person is _____ (vv. 1, 19, 5, 7, 2, 11, 16)

There are several key _____ to _____

The first key issue has to do with _____

“Paul knew that to bring slavery into contact with living Christianity is to kill slavery!”

- Galatians 3:28; Colossians 3:11

The second key issue has to do with _____

- *What does it mean to forgive?*
- *Where do we get the strength to forgive?*

There are several key _____ to _____

1. **Here we have a wonderful example of true _____** (v. 5)

Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 6:14-15

2. **Here we have a wonderful example of _____** (v. 18)

Isaiah 53:4-10

3. **Here we have a wonderful example of _____** (v. 17)

I John 3:1

4. **Here we have a wonderful example of _____**

a. *The grace of God always takes the _____ in salvation*

I Corinthians 1:26-28; 6:9-11; Isaiah 51:1

b. *The grace of God rules over all things to accomplish its _____*

Romans 9:15-16; Psalms 76:10; Philemon 1:15

c. *The grace of God is always _____*

d. *The grace of God is a _____ for perishing sinners*

Hebrews 4:16; I Corinthians 4:7

Conclusion:

Forgiveness and Reconciliation – it’s your move!

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.