

**Series Title:**

**“The Forgiveness Factor”**

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**Sermon Title:**

**“Do You Have What It Takes To Forgive?”**

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**Sermon Text:**

Philemon 1-7

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**Introduction:**

***“This little letter is a masterpiece of persuasion!”***

- What is unique about the introductory greeting of this letter? (vv. 1-3)
- Paul was in prison because \_\_\_\_\_ put him there, not because \_\_\_\_\_ put him there!
- Philippians 2:13, Romans 8:28

*All situations in our lives come by \_\_\_\_\_.*

- The word translated “prisoner” is a Greek word that means “a \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.”
- Who were “Apphia, our sister” and “Archippus, our fellow soldier”?
- Colossians 4:17

***“Because this letter would be read to the entire church, Philemon’s reputation was on the line.”***

- “Grace” is a reference to the \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation; “peace” is a reference to the \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation.
- In verses 4-7 we discover the things that mark the life of a forgiving person:

**I. You Can And Will Forgive If You Truly \_\_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_\_ And His \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5)**

- *If you have been forgiven by the Lord, then you are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive others!*
- **Those for whom \_\_\_\_\_ has been forgiven can forgive \_\_\_\_\_!**
- Ephesians 4:32 and Colossians 3:13
- If you are a Christian, then you care about the “fellowship” – that is, you care about the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

*We can’t love the \_\_\_\_\_ and not love the \_\_\_\_\_!*

- I John 4:21; James 2:1-12

**II. You Can And Will Forgive If You Truly \_\_\_\_\_ For The \_\_\_\_\_ Of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6c)**

- The phrase translated “*for Christ’s sake,*” literally means, “\_\_\_\_\_ *Christ.*”

***“Everything about the Christian life is for the glory of Christ!”***

- If you truly want to honor Christ, then you’ll \_\_\_\_\_ as you have been \_\_\_\_\_!

**III. You Can And Will Forgive If You Truly \_\_\_\_\_ To Be A \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7)**

- The word “*hearts*” actually refers to the **deepest part of a \_\_\_\_\_**.
- **What is the meaning of the word “*refreshed*”?**
- Philemon 20

**Conclusion:**

***Well, do you have what it takes to forgive?***

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.