

**Series Title:**

**“The Forgiveness Factor”**

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**Sermon Title:**

**“Forgiveness Made Easy”**

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**Sermon Text:**

Philemon 21-25

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**Introduction:**

- Paul’s closing words to Philemon contain certain principles that when understood and applied, make granting forgiveness easy, effortless, painless, and uncomplicated to do.

**I. When It Comes To Giving Forgiveness, We Must Always Remember That What God**

**From Us, He \_\_\_\_\_ In Us** (v. 21)

- *We are \_\_\_\_\_ to God!*
- This **“obedience”** is not to \_\_\_\_\_ but to \_\_\_\_\_!

*“Do those who know us best have the same ‘confidence’ in our obedience in this matter of forgiveness?”*

- The phrase **“I know you will do even more than what I say,”** is an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_!

\_\_\_\_\_ *always goes beyond* \_\_\_\_\_!

**II. When It Comes To Giving Forgiveness, We Must Always Remember That**

**Is Our Constant** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 22-24)

- \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the ways that God keeps His children on track in their quest for Christlikeness.

**A. We are accountable to our** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 22)

- Where in this verse do we find this principle?
- ***This is the \_\_\_\_\_ thing that Paul says in the whole letter!***
- Philippians 1:19, 2:24; II Corinthians 1:11; Acts 12:5-17

*As Christians, we are to be accountable to those who are over us in the Lord, to those who have a right, as they watch over our souls, to know the condition and quality of our lives.” (Hebrews 13:17)*

**B. We are accountable to our \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 23-24)**

- Epaphras:
- Mark:
- Aristarchus:
- Demas:
- Luke:

- Why did Paul close this letter by listing the names of these five guys?

*“We not only have a level of accountability to those who are our spiritual leaders, but we also have a level of accountability to those who are our spiritual friends.”*

- *We don't exist in isolation; we are part of a fellowship – the fellowship of the \_\_\_\_\_!*

**III. When It Comes To Giving Forgiveness, We Must Always Remember That What We He Always \_\_\_\_\_!**

- When Paul asked Philemon to forgive Onesimus, he was asking him to do something that was \_\_\_\_\_ to do!

*“What the flesh can't do, and what the law can't do – the grace of God can do!”*

- The grace of Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ to meet any need we have for living the Christian life!
- Forgiveness is easy when we are \_\_\_\_\_ by the grace of God!

**Conclusion:**

*“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.”*

(Matthew 5:7)

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.