

Series Title:

“The Forgiveness Factor”

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Sermon Title:

“The Road to Reconciliation”
(Part 3)

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Sermon Text:

Philemon 17-20

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Introduction:

- There are three things that are absolutely necessary in order for there to be reconciliation in our broken and damaged relationships:

I. Reconciliation Requires True Repentance (v. 17)

II. Reconciliation Requires Complete Forgiveness (v. 17)

III. Reconciliation Requires _____ (vv. 18-19)

- Numbers 5:6-8; Proverbs 6:30-31.

“Irregardless of whether a wrong was committed before salvation or after salvation, the Bible clearly teaches that restitution still needs to be made.”

- Luke 19:1-10
- In an act of great grace, Paul offers to make _____ Onesimus’ _____ (v. 18)
- *What we have here is a beautiful illustration of both the doctrine of _____ and the doctrine of _____.*
- Romans 4:1-8; I Corinthians 5:21

“Paul is not asking Philemon to forgive and forget – he’s saying forgive and I will pay the debt!”

Philemon, like _____, had been wronged; Onesimus, like the _____, stood in need of reconciliation; and Paul, like _____, offered to pay the price to bring about that reconciliation.

- Paul’s willingness to suffer the _____ consequences of Onesimus’ sin mirrors Christ’s willingness to suffer the _____ consequences of our sin!
- *Christ’s sacrifice is _____ for the whole world, but it is only _____ for those who trust in Him.*

Grace _____ as grace _____!

- _____ debt was greater than _____ debt – because his was an eternal debt to God.
- What is the meaning of the words “*benefit*” and “*refresh*”?

“Any failure to forgive will injure that church. It will mar its ministry and its effectiveness, and it will misrepresent the power of the gospel to the unconverted world that’s watching!”

Conclusion:

Shouldn’t you show the same kind of mercy to others as Christ has shown to you?

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.