

I forgive me

Learning to Gratefully Receive God's Forgiveness

Psalm 103:10-14

He Does **Not** Give Us What We Deserve

10 *He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

- God is **merciful** and **gracious**...
 - We should strive to be like Him
- **Despite our sins and iniquities**
 - We should strive to be like Him, but we will stumble... **(1 John 1:7-9)**
- He is **longsuffering** and **compassionate** in dealing with us
- God doesn't judge us based upon our worst moment

His Forgiveness is **Limitless**

11 *For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*

- His **mercy** toward His people knows no bounds
- His **grace** is greater than all my sin! (**Rom. 5:18-21**)
- His **steadfast love** is not for the perfect, but those that “*fear Him*”

Who am I to limit God's boundless grace?

His Forgiveness is **Complete**

12 *as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

- The distance between us and our forgiven sins is incalculable
 - Why do we insist on undertaking the journey?
- Forgive – “to send away” “to remit” “being completely cancelled”
- Justify – “a complete acquittal”
- “For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.” (Heb. 8:12)

Who am I to replace what God has removed?

His Forgiveness is **Compassionate**

13 *As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.*

- Our loving Father has pity for us
- He does not forgive grudgingly or harshly
- He longs to receive the “*prodigal*” back as his “*son*” (**Luke 15:11-32**)
- His **compassion** is not to the perfect, but those who “*fear Him*”

Who am I to refuse my Father's pity?

Because **He Knows Us**

14 *For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.*

- He knows how we are made, because he made us
- He knows our weaknesses
- He knows our nature
- He knew us when His Son died for us (**Rom. 5:8**)
- He knows us, and still, He will forgive us

Who am I to say, “but...”

How Should I **Respond** to His Forgiveness?

- **Believe** His Forgiveness
 - We know His nature...
- **Receive** His Forgiveness
 - He knows our nature...
- **Praise Him** for His Forgiveness
- **Imitate** His Forgiveness
- **Remember** His Forgiveness
 - *“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity...” (Ps. 103:2-3)*

Who Am I To Condemn God's Elect?

“He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.” (Romans 8:32-34)

- Who can condemn one of His?
- Jesus died, was raised and is interceding for us...

Who am I to hold anything against one of His?

Are you one of His?

