

March 17 | Sunday

He Chose to Forgive Us

Read [Matthew 18:21-35](#)



18 | Mon – Forgiveness for what? | Read [Colossians 3:5-10](#)

The Bible teaches that all humans since Adam are born with a tendency that alienates them from God. A sense of *self* that does not want to submit to authority, even the authority of God. Instead, we want be in charge. Decisions are based on what *we* want or what is to *our* benefit. It is interesting that the center of the word *sin* is the letter 'i'. Have you allowed the center of your life to become a capital 'I' and if so, what now?

19 | Tue – Justice | Read [Romans 4:25](#)

The penalty for breaking God's law is death. How seriously do you take that? No human being can live up to the perfect standard of holiness required to enter into God's presence. So what hope is there? Only God could provide the perfect -but costly- way to satisfy the law's demand for justice without losing forever those He loves. What is your part in this process?

20 | Wed – The choice | Read [John 10:17-18](#)

No one killed Jesus; no one *took* his life. Jesus *gave* his life, an intentionally choice, because it was the only way there could be reconciliation between God and the people He created and deeply loves. Surrendering his [sinless] life was the only way to bridge the gap between the holy and the sinful. Has anyone else ever loved you that much?

21 | Thu – Clearing the record | Read [Colossians 2:13-15](#)

Once a person has committed a crime, they have a record. Repeat offenders can accumulate quite a file. That record can cause them to give up, quit trying to change. You may not have a criminal record but you do have a memory full of the failures of the past. It was not just Jesus' body that was nailed to the cross. Your record, the list of every sin you have ever or *will* ever commit was also nailed there. Does this knowledge help you forgive yourself?

22 | Fri – Results of being forgiven | Read [Romans 6:21-22](#)

The results of sin is death. So what are the benefits of being forgiven? List some of them below:

_____ Have you mentioned these to anyone lately?

23 | Sat – A holy requirement | Read [Matthew 6:14-15](#) / [Mark 11:25](#)

God is very serious about forgiveness. There is only one condition attached to the gift God has freely offered you. It is the willing to forgive others. It is *so* important to your spiritual health that God requires it of you. To forgive is a choice. It may not always be easy but it is possible. If you made a list of all those who have hurt you, who would be at the top? Are you willing to ask God to help you forgive that person? It will set you free.