

MESSAGE NOTES
Inquiring Minds Want to Know
The Forgiveness Factor
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QUESTION 5:

"The scripture says if we don't forgive others, God can't forgive us... Therefore, if we're not forgiven, according to this scripture, will we still go to Heaven? Doesn't see like it. Everyone should know this."

1. The question itself is reasonable, although taken **OUT OF CONTEXT**.

"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."
Matthew 6:14-15

"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Matthew 6:12

2. The bible is explicit that salvation is not based **ON OUR WORKS**.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit." Titus 3:5

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

"Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law."
Galatians 2:16 NLT

3. Forgiveness of others is essential to have sincere **FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD**.

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:8-9

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."
Ephesians 4:32 ESV

"Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others." Colossians 3:13

**All scripture in NIV unless specified*

ACTION STEPS:

1. Write the person you need to forgive in the blank: _____.

Forgive this person this week!

2. Invite someone to church.