

**SERMON NOTES**  
**“THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS”**

**Ephesians 1:7-9**  
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**I. Jesus came to give us the gift of forgiveness. (vv. 7)**

*“In Him we have ... the forgiveness of our trespasses”*  
*“according to the riches of His grace”*

**Application:** Receive Christ’s gift of forgiveness by faith daily.

**Psalms 32:1; 51:1-2; 85:2-3; 130**  
**Ephesians 2:1-3; 4:22, 28-31**

**II. We receive the gift of forgiveness because Jesus paid the debt.**  
*(vv. 7-8)*

*“In Him we have redemption”*  
*“through His blood”*  
*“according to the riches of His grace”*  
*“lavished on us”*  
*“in all wisdom and insight”*

*“God is **both** a God of love and of wrath, **and** it is at the cross that we see how these are not in conflict but working together to save the world. -Tim Keller*

**III. Forgive because you’ve been given the gift of forgiveness.**

(4:26-27, 32)

“give no opportunity to the devil”

“be kind... tenderhearted”

“forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you”

	Leviticus 19	Galatians 5-6
<b>What Not to Do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hate your brother</li> <li>• Take vengeance</li> <li>• Hold a grudge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Become conceited</li> <li>• Provoke one another</li> <li>• Envy one another</li> </ul>
<b>What to Do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reason frankly with your neighbor</li> <li>• Love your neighbor as yourself</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restore him gently.</li> <li>• Keep watch on yourself.</li> </ul>
<b>Why</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lest you incur sin because of him</li> <li>• I am the LORD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crucified the flesh with its passions and desires</li> <li>• Live by the Spirit</li> <li>• Lest you too be tempted.</li> </ul>

**Leviticus 19:17-18**

**Matthew 18:21-35**

**Galatians 5:19-6:1**

**Philippians 4:2-3**

**1 Peter 4:8**

**Application:** Live godly lives in light of Christ’s gift of sonship.

*“God’s mercy **must** and **will** make us merciful- if it doesn’t, then we never understood or accepted God’s mercy in truth.”*

-Tim Keller

**Digging Deeper:**

1. What is your default method of dealing with your guilt?
2. What is your default method of dealing with people who sin against you?
3. What are the sinful roots to those responses?
4. How does the gift of forgiveness deal with your sin, hurt and responses?
5. To whom should you be reconciled? What are some steps you can take?