

Intro – Forgiveness is one of those actions all Christians are called upon to perform at one time or another in their lives.

Old Testament ideas about forgiveness:

- "SALACH" _____
- "KIPPER" _____
- "NASA" _____

Psalm 32:5 _____

Forgiveness was associated with God, not man. _____

In the New Testament, forgiveness is very much associated with man.

- Ephesians 4:32 _____
- Matthew 18:21-22 _____

The most asked question about forgiveness is _____.

Forgiveness – Definitions

1. Webster (Dictionary) _____
2. Psychology _____
3. Bible _____
- Luke 11:4 _____

The Bible provides a motive for forgiveness. _____

What Forgiveness is not

1. Forgiveness is not _____
2. Forgiveness is not _____
3. Forgiveness is not _____
4. Forgiveness is not _____

- Proverbs 28:13-14 _____

- Psalm 37:8 _____

- Isaiah 65:17; Revelation 21:4 _____

5. Forgiveness is not _____

- Ecclesiastes 7:9 _____

Mechanics of Forgiveness

True forgiveness requires three actions:

#1. Define _____.

A. You can't forgive _____

B. David and Bathsheba – II Samuel 11 _____

- II Samuel 12:1-7a _____

David sinned in the he:

- Took _____

- Plotted _____

- Lied _____

You've got to "turn off the tap!" _____

#2. Let go _____.

Practical ways to "let go":

A. Understand that forgiveness is a _____ not an _____.

B. Stop the mental ____.

- I Corinthians 13:5 _____

- Philippians 3:13b-14 _____

#3. Cancel _____.

- Forgiveness means that we release _____.

- The healing doesn't start until _____.

Speaking of debts...
