

LECTURE #9

“A BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING OF FORGIVENESS”

PART 1 – WHAT IS FORGIVENESS?

I. WHAT FORGIVENESS IS _____.

A. It is not _____ something.

1. _____ is not a prerequisite to forgiving.
2. It is a decision to _____ something.

B. It is not _____ something.

1. There is a difference between "forgetting" and "not _____."
2. Forgetting is _____. Not remembering is _____.

II. WHAT FORGIVENESS _____.

A. Forgiveness is a _____.

1. It is a promise to not _____ something.
2. It is a promise not to bring the issue _____ as a basis for how I will treat you.

B. Forgiveness is a three-fold promise...

1. I will not bring it up so as to hurt _____.
2. I will not talk about it with _____ so as to hurt you.
3. I will not dwell on it _____.

C. Forgiveness is a _____ to do with others what God did with us.

1. It's not forgive _____ forget.

2. It's forgive in _____ to forget.

- I must choose to give up my " _____ " to remember a hurt or to get revenge for it (Rom. 12:17-21).
- When I choose to give up this "right" and keep the promise, I will have _____ the necessary requirements for forgetting the event.