

FORGIVING
(Ephesians 4:30-32)

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“Give yourself to the Church. You that are members of the Church have not found it perfect and I hope that you feel almost glad that you have not. If I had never joined a Church till I had found one that was perfect, I would never have joined one at all! And the moment I did join it, if I had found one, I should have spoiled it, for it would not have been a perfect Church after I had become a member of it. Still, imperfect as it is, it is the dearest place on earth to us . . .

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All who have first given themselves to the Lord,
should, as speedily as possible, also give
themselves to the Lord's people
. . . the Church is faulty, but that is no excuse for
your not joining it, if you are the Lord's. Nor need
your own faults keep you back, for the Church is
not an institution for perfect people, but a
sanctuary for sinners saved by Grace, who,
though they are saved, are still sinners and need
all the help they can derive from the sympathy
and guidance of their fellow Believers.

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The Church is the nursery for God's weak children where they are nourished and grow strong. It is the fold for Christ's sheep—the home for Christ's family."

~Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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Philippians 1:27

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ . . .

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Ephesians 4:3

[We will be] eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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“Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea until he has something to forgive.”

~C.S. Lewis

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Ephesians 4:22-24

. . . put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

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Jeremiah 31:34

For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will
remember their sin no more.

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Psalm 103:12

. . . as far as the east is from the west, so far
does he remove our transgressions from us.

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Micah 7:19

You will cast all our sins into the depths of the
sea.

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Matthew 18:21

Lord, how often will my brother sin against me,
and I forgive him? As many as seven times?

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Matthew 18:26-27

So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

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Matthew 18:32-35

Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" 34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. 35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.

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