

## GRANTING FORGIVENESS Philemon 17-20

### I. **Forgiveness between believers restores fellowship (17).**

Genesis 33:4: But Esau ran to meet him, and **embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him**, and they wept.

1 John 1:7: But **if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another**, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

### II. **Forgiveness between believers displays the gospel (18-19).**

#### A. **The redemption (18).**

Colossians 1:14: in whom we have **redemption through His blood**, the forgiveness of sins.

Titus 2:14: who gave Himself for us, **that He might redeem us from every lawless deed** and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

#### B. **The reconciler (19).**

2 Corinthians 2:18-19: Now all things *are* of God, **who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ**, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, **that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself**, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

### III. **Forgiveness between believers releases blessings (20).**

Matthew 6:14: For if you **forgive** men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also **forgive** you.

Ephesians 4:30-32: And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another**, even as God in Christ forgave you.