

Colossians 3:13-15

The Hard Give: Forgiveness



“Hey, you really need to get that fixed!”

Many times in the church we do the same things with broken relationships. We go around knowing that something is broken but we seldom, roll down the window, and say, “Something is wrong between us, we have to make this right.”

The church joins individuals whose central belonging was to another people and gives them a new central belonging as the people of God.

The differences that once divided the individual are not as strong as the Christ that now unites the church because Christ is all, and in all.

Bearing with one another means that we do the hard work of working through conflict with others in the church who are not like us.

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- Forgiveness says I am not going to punish someone because they have wronged me.
- Forgiveness says, like Jesus, I am willing to pay **the other person’s** relationship penalty.
- To forgive like Jesus means we are willing to pay **the outstanding balance ourselves**.

FORGIVENESS IS A HEART HABIT

CHALLENGE

Where are you out of tune in this area of your relationships?

Is there an ongoing unresolved issue you are not dealing with?

Trust that God still changes hearts and be open for him to change yours!