

20 Questions on Biblical Forgiveness

1. How does the Bible clearly teach us to overcome anger and bitterness *before* forgiving?
2. In what Scriptures does the Bible teach us how to overcome anger and bitterness with mourning and meekness?
3. What are the Biblical differences between grieving and mourning and how does the Bible clearly differentiate between the two words in practice?
4. Why does Jesus never say the words: "Forgive your enemy?"
5. What are at least 5 Biblical differences between love and forgiveness?
6. Why is forgiveness NOT a part of the fruit of the Spirit?
7. Why did Jesus forgive the sins of one thief but NOT pray for him, yet NOT forgive the sins of Roman Soldiers but PRAY for them?
8. What are the Biblical reasons that most Jews dislike and disagree with "Christian" forgiveness?
9. What are the Jewish laws of teshuva?
10. How do the laws of teshuva form the basis of ALL Jesus' teachings on forgiveness?
11. In which stories and parables does Jesus teach God's basic teshuva principles?
12. How does Jesus address and invert all four rabbinical laws of teshuva in Matthew 18?
13. Why can Peter's question and Jesus' answer about forgiving 70 x 7 ONLY be about forgiving offenders who are repenting, even multiple times?
14. How does the Bible make clear distinctions between the two types of New Testament forgiveness: *aphiemi* and *charizomai*?
15. Why do Jesus and Paul use different words for forgiveness?
16. Why is this statement false: *If you do not forgive all offenders, God will not forgive you?*
17. Why did Jesus NOT use this definition of forgiveness: *To let go of anger and bitterness?*
18. What is the definition of forgiveness that Jesus used?
19. Why are forgiveness of sins and reconciliation never separated in the Bible?
20. How is it possible to be a Christian and be filled with bitterness, yet be just as forgiving as God is?