

Defining the differences between love and forgiveness

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Love vs. Forgiveness Chart			
		<i>Love</i>	<i>Forgiveness</i>
A	Accountability	Love holds people accountable. <i>(Matthew 18:15-17, Luke 17:3-4)</i>	Forgiveness is the end of accountability <i>(Jer. 31:34, Rom 8:1, Acts 3:18-19, 1 John 1:7)</i>
B	Punishment and Discipline	Love, at times, will not forgive but will rebuke, reprove, and discipline for wrong doing (i.e., parent to child, boss firing employee, etc.) <i>Hebrews 12:7-11, 2 Thessalonians 3:6, Romans 16:17, 2 Thessalonians 3:14, Titus 3:10</i>	Forgiveness means punishment and discipline are no longer due. <i>John 3:17-20, Acts 3:19, Rom. 5:1, Romans 8:1, Rev. 1:5</i>
C	Freedom	Love and meekness are how one frees himself from anger and bitterness. <i>Matthew 11:29, Luke 6:27-36, Hebrews 12:15</i>	Aphiemi/Forgiveness is how our enemy is freed from his burden of debt <i>Luke 7:47, Matthew 6:12-15, Matthew 18:32</i>
D	Benefit	Love and meekness benefit me and everyone around me. <i>1 Thessalonians 4:9-10, Matthew 5:43-46</i>	Aphiemi/Forgiveness of sin is only for the benefit of a repentant offender. <i>Acts 3:19, Psalm 86:5, Ezekiel 18:30-32, Luke 17:3-4</i>
E	The Fruit of the Spirit	Love and meekness ARE fruits of the Spirit. <i>Galatians 5:22-23</i>	Forgiveness IS NOT a fruit of the Spirit. <i>Galatians 5:22-23</i>
F	Reconciliation	Love DESIRES to be reconciled <i>Galatians 6:1, Mark 10:20-22, Matthew 23:37</i>	Forgiveness IS to be reconciled <i>2 Cor. 5:16-19, Luke 15:1-32</i>