



## THE BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN

### Realize That God Loves You.

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)*

### The Bible Says That All Men Are Sinners.

*“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)*

### The Bible Also Says That Sin Must Be Paid For.

*“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23)*

### The Good News Is That Jesus Christ Paid for Your Sins.

*“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)*

### You Must Personally Call on Jesus Christ to Save You.

*“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13)*

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# Forgiving must Cost you Something

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## Memory Verse - Colossians 3:13

*“Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.”*

## Study Aim

- To understand what biblical forgiveness is and what it must cost us.
- To learn the different ways we can choose to forgive people and discover which one is the true biblical way of forgiveness.
- Read Matthew 18:21-35

## Set the Stage

- No matter who you are, we all struggle with something at times. It's the idea of forgiveness.
  - Our world is filled with so much anger and hate. People are so concerned with justice today that forgiveness really seems to be a big problem.
  - Cancel culture does not forgive. It calls for justice at once without forgiveness.
- **Man's greatest need in our world today is forgiveness.**
  - You need **to be** forgiven and you need **to extend** that same forgiveness.
- One of the greatest ways to truly know God is to forgive the way He has forgiven.

**Take it to the Next Level****1. The Extreme Debt that was Owed**

A. What was forgiven. (21-25)

B. Why it was forgiven. (26-27)

**2. The Extraordinary Forgiveness that was Offered**

A. The cost of forgiveness. (27)

B. The conflicting ways of forgiveness. (28-30)

- No Grace - Not willing to forgive at all.
- Little Grace - forgiving with stipulations.
- Cheap Grace - forgiving with no justice.
- Costly Grace - forgiving no matter the cost.

**3. The Example of Forgiveness that we must Show**

A. Forgiveness must be given. (28-35)

B. Forgiveness must cost us something.

**Take Your Next Step**

- Have you received God's forgiveness?
  - You can receive God's forgiveness by calling on Jesus Christ for salvation. Has there been a time in your life when you have called on Jesus Christ to forgive you and to be your Savior?
- Have you forgiven that person?
  - It might be a parent, sibling, or family member.
  - It might be a friend or a class mate.
  - It might be a coworker or a boss.
  - It might be you and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Taking it Further**

- What do you find difficult about forgiveness? What struggles have you had forgiving other people? What has helped you to forgive when it was hard or you did not want to?
- Read Proverbs 10:12 and 17:9. What do each of these verses teach us about forgiveness? What is the common act in both passages that helps with forgiveness?