



Why Forgive?

#3 SERIES "PRAYER"

*“Most Christians
repent enough to
receive forgiveness,
but not enough to
see the Kingdom.”*
(Bill Johnson)

Can anyone, no matter what
they have done, receive
forgiveness from God?

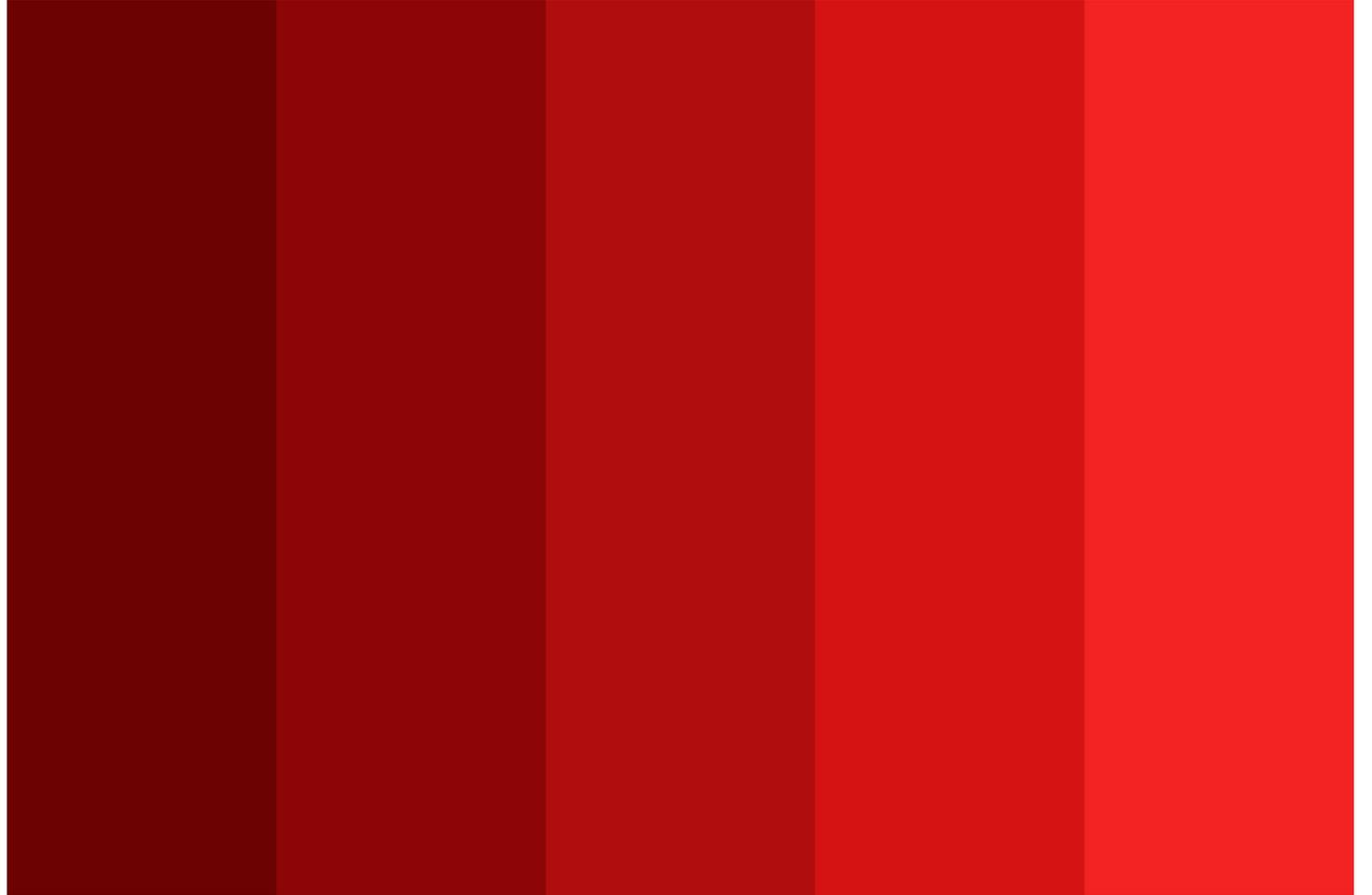
How is that forgiveness
worked out in everyday life?



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1. God's Forgiveness

Isaiah 1:18 *“Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”*



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Hebrews 10:17-18 *Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.*

- True forgiveness is letting go

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*

2. Power to Forgive

- The New Life gives us the power to forgive.



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*"Joshua thinks he has changed;
everyone else thinks he's
changed. If Joshua wears a
mask every Sunday, then the
skin has now conformed to the
mask."*

Johnathan Stock (ABC journalist, 2013)

3. Why forgive?

(a) Jesus Instructed Us To:

Luke 17: 3-4 *So watch yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, "I repent," forgive him.*

Ephesians 4:32 *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

Matthew 5:23-24 *Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.*

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(b) It is good for your health:

Truly forgiving those who have wronged us is good for our health – it lowers blood pressure, improves sleep, and increases life span.”

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(c) Ask Jesus to help you to forgive yourself and others:

1 John 5:13-15 *I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we have in approaching god: that if we ask anything according to His will, He will hear us. And if we know that He hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of Him.*