

**FREEDOM
PART 5 ~ FORGIVENESS
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“He is so rich in kindness and grace that He purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.” Ephesians 1:7 NLT

Reasons We May Struggle to Forgive:

1. We have the _____ of forgiveness.
 - Forgiveness is not _____ the offense.
 - Forgiveness is not _____ what happened.
 - Forgiveness is not the same as _____.

2. We don't think _____.
 - Matthew 18:21-35
 - We weren't forgiven to just _____ forgiveness; we were forgiven to _____ forgiveness to others.

3. We don't think _____.
 - II Corinthians 12:9

Living an Unoffended Life (Avoiding the Unforgiveness Trap):

1. Understand that forgiveness is a _____ transaction, not an _____ transaction.
 - John 20:19-23 [NLT]

2. _____ how much God has forgiven you.
 - Matthew 18:32-33 [NLT]

3. Realize that offense is the _____ that satan uses to defeat you.
 - I Peter 5:8 [NIV]

Forgiveness in Action

1. _____ for people who have offended you.

- Matthew 5:43-44 [NLT]
- Mark 11:25

2. _____ people who have offended you.

- Luke 6:27-28 [NLT]

3. _____ evil with good.

- Romans 12:17-21[NLT]

