

Pastor's Pen

Forgive!

"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you," Luke 6:23

Do you find it hard to forgive when someone has done you wrong? We are commanded to love our brothers and sisters in Christ and forgive them when they do us wrong (Eph. 4:23). But, what about those that don't know Christ? What if someone tries to do you physical harm? Do we still have to love and forgive them?

Chris Carrier was a ten-year-old boy in 1974 when David Macalister abducted him, stabbed him several times with an ice pick, shot him in the head, and left him for dead in the Everglades. He remained unconscious for six days. Finally, he staggered out and was found by a hunter the day after Christmas 1974. Unfortunately, they could not make an arrest even though they had a suspect because Chris could not pick him out of a police lineup. Twenty-two years later, in 1996, Chris came face to face with his assailant. Chris was informed that Mr. McAllister was a patient at the Greynolds Park Manor nursing home. The police were able to get McAllister to admit that he had taken Chris and left him in the Everglades. When Chris visited McAllister at the nursing home, he began to cry when he realized that the young man before him was the boy he had hurt and abandoned. Chris said this about that meeting, "He said he was sorry, and I told him I forgave him and that from now on, there would be nothing like anger or revenge between us, nothing except a new friendship."

Chris ministered to Mr. McAllister frequently until he died. They often prayed together and read scripture. Chris shared the Gospel with him, and not long before McAllister died, he received Christ as savior. If anyone had a reason not to forgive someone, it would be Chris Carrier, yet instead of seeking revenge, he befriended the man who tried to kill him when he was a ten-year-old boy. In doing so, God used him to bring David Macalister to saving faith. One day the two men, attacker, and victim will be together praising the one who forgave them, both their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What say you, Christian? Is there anyone you are angry at because they have hurt you and you have refused to be at peace with that person (Romans 12:16)? We are most like Christ when we forgive others.

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

The harlot in your bosom!
(Thomas Watson)

**"Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."
Hebrews 12:1**

There is usually one sin that is the favorite — the sin which the heart is most fond of. A godly man will not indulge his darling sin: "I kept myself from my iniquity." (Psalm 18:23). "I will not indulge the sin to which the bias of my heart more naturally inclines."

Question: How shall we know what our beloved sin is?

Answer 1. The sin which a man does not love to have reproved — is the darling sin. Herod could not endure having his incest spoken against. If the prophet meddles with that sin — it shall cost him his head! "Do not touch my Herodias!" Men can be content to have other sins reproved — but if the minister puts his finger on the sore, and touches this sin — their hearts begin to burn in malice against him!

Quote of the Week

"Eternity to the godly is a day that has no sunset;
eternity to the wicked is a night that has no sunrise."

-Thomas Watson

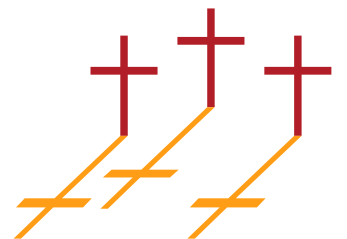
Answer 2. The sin on which the thoughts run most — is the darling sin. Whichever way the thoughts go, the heart goes. He who is in love with a person cannot keep his thoughts off that person. Examine what sin runs most in your mind, what sin is first in your thoughts and greets you in the morning — that is your predominant sin.

Answer 3. The sin which has most power over us, and most easily leads us captive — is the one beloved by the soul. There are some sins which a man can better resist. If they come for entertainment, he can more easily put them off. But the bosom sin comes as a suitor, and he cannot deny it — but is overcome by it. The young man in the Gospel had repulsed many sins — but there was one sin which soiled him, and that was covetousness.

Answer 4. The sin which men most defend — is the beloved sin. He who has a jewel in his bosom, will defend it to his death. The sin we advocate and dispute for, is the besetting sin. The sin which we plead for, and perhaps wrest Scripture to justify it — that is the sin which lies nearest the heart.

Answer 5. The sin which a man finds most difficulty in giving up — is the endeared sin. Of all his sons, Jacob found most difficulty in parting with Benjamin. So the sinner says, "This and that sin I have parted with — but must Benjamin go! Must I part with this delightful sin? That pierces my heart!" A man may allow some of his sins to be demolished — but when it comes to one sin — that is the taking of the castle; he will never agree to part with that! That is the master sin for sure.

A godly man will lay the axe of repentance to this sin and hew it down! He will sacrifice this Isaac; he will pluck out this right eye — so that he may see better to go to Heaven.



Weekly Gatherings



Bible Classes

New Testament
Sunday School
Sunday Morning @ 9AM



Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM
Men's Bible Study



Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM @ Royall's
Every other Thursday @ 7PM
@ Patrick's & Cox's



Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team and forgot to sign up, please contact the team leader at the appropriate email address.



Youth Study

Wednesdays @ 6:30PM
Youth Study
AWANA @ 6:30PM-8PM



Service Times

Sunday Service 10:30AM
Children's Church @ 10:30AM

Giving from service on 05/23/2021

General Offering	20,185.60
Building Fund	16,263.02
Uganda	100.00
Benevolence	125.00
Total	\$36,673.62
Attendance	159
Sunday School	114
Online	23

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