

## Forgive Now, Forget Later

### Description

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Colossians 3:1-15

There are two injunctions given in Colossians 3:13: to “forgive one another” and to “forgive as the Lord forgave you.” The first is not the thorniest directive communicated in this verse. What is more difficult, what many struggle with—if not give up on—is the requirement that we “forgive as the Lord forgave us.”

Herein lies the most significant struggle when it comes to forgiving as the Lord forgives. We know we should forgive. Our main difficulty is that we often equate forgiveness with forgetting. If we remember, we doubt that we have forgiven.

We say we can't remember anything, but our “forgetter” allows us to remember each and every injustice we have suffered and whose hand was to blame.

To that I say, “Cast it away each time it comes to mind.” If you have forgiven someone for something, stand on that decision and deny your memory the right to reverse what God has helped you to do.

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