

**“The Grace Pursuit (8): Transformed by Grace – Forgiveness” (Ephesians 4:21-32)**

**What should be a Believer’s Attitude when he is Offended by others?**

**What should a Believer Do when he Offends others?**

**Practical Fruits in the Lives of Spirit-led Believers...**

**Today’s Theme: Forgiveness**

**I. The “Fruit of Spirit”: 9 Virtues (Gal 5:22-23)**

**A. The Expression of Virtues is an Indicator of How Far a Believer has Progressed in his Journey of Grace Pursuit**

**B. Living a Life of Grace Enhances Inter-Personal Relationship in Radical way**

**II. Lifestyle of a Believer whose Mind is being Renewed (Ephesians 4:21-32)**

**A. Contrast of the New Self to the Old Self (vv 21-24)**

**B. Conduct of the “New Self”: Five Exhortations (vv 25-32)**

**Speak the Truth; Avoid Sinful Anger by Controlling one’s Emotion;**

**Work and Provide for the Needy; Speak only what Building Others Up; Be Kind, Compassionate and be Forgiving/Gracious, as God in Christ is Kind, Compassionate and Gracious**

**III. The Path to Forgiveness**

**A. What is Forgiveness? (Matt 18:15-35)**

**1. How to handle a Significant Case of Conflict (vv 15-20)**

**2. How many times to Forgive? “70 times 7” – “Always Forgive” (vv 21-22)**

**3. The Parable of the Unforgiving Slave (vv 23-35)**

**B. The Approaches to Forgiveness: The Legal Way vs. The Grace Way**

**Justice, Mercy and Grace... Forgiving the Offender Unconditionally is Supernatural, and comes only from the Transformed New Nature and the Enablement of the Holy Spirit**

**But what about Justice?**

**– Surrender the Right of Judgment to the Only Judge, Jesus Christ**

**C. If you are the Offender: Offer Genuine Apology, and Restore the Relationship (Psalm 19:12-13)**

**Reflection: Why Forgive? Can I Really Forgive my Offenders?**

**Yes, if you have the Holy Spirit in you  
and you Let the Holy Spirit Transform You (Psalm 19:14)!**