

What Does It Take To Offer Forgiveness?

A. Forgiveness requires accepting _____.

1. **Context** of Col. 3:12-14—
Forgiveness is part of _____.
2. **Definition** of the Greek word used for “forgiveness” in Col. 3:13 (*charisomai*)—
Forgiveness involves the choice to freely release from obligation to repay a _____.
3. **Occasion** for forgiveness in Col. 3:13—
Forgiveness is needed when a _____ has occurred.
4. **Model** for forgiveness in Col. 3:13—
Forgiveness for believers is to be “as _____ forgave you.”

**Who did Christ forgive?*

B. Forgiveness requires accepting the _____ that restoration may not happen.

Three stabilizing principles on forgiveness:

1. When we forgive one another, we are doing something _____ to restore a damaged relationship.
 - Luke 17:3-4
 - Mathew 18:15-20

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2. However, doing our part to restore a relationship does not _____ the other person will cooperate.

- Romans 12:17-18

3. Forgiveness is _____ reconciliation, but it is an act of faith.

- Colossians 3:13
- Romans 12:19-21
- Matthew 6:1-4

C. Forgiveness requires _____.

- 1 Peter 4:7-9
- Matthew 18:21-35

**How can you do the hard thing and forgive that person?*