The Ultimate Apologetic
A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
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YOU’VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!

EPHESIANS 4:32
32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,
 Forgiveness is a conscious, deliberate decision to release feelings of resentment or vengeance toward a person or group who has harmed you, regardless of whether they actually deserve your forgiveness.

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WHAT IS REQUIRED

- Let it go. . .
- Be kind. . .
- Be compassionate. . .
- Why?
To fail to forgive is to place yourself in the prison of bitterness and continue to tell yourself that it is the other person who is being punished.
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- Let it go.
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- Why?
- How?
Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
To refuse to forgive is to assert your own sovereignty which is to deny the ability of God to use the pain in your life in such a way that you grow through it rather than shrink from it or are overcome by bitterness.
A significant distinction

- Confession acknowledges a wrong.
- Forgiveness – requires humility on the part of the offender and deep trust in the sovereignty of God on the part of the offended party.
A SIGNIFICANT DISTINCTION

- The focus in forgiveness is on the restoration of the relationship with the glory of God always in mind.
How great is your dependence on God’s forgiveness?

Are you willing to forgive others?

How does our unwillingness to forgive “one another” diminish the glory of God in the eyes of the world?