

DIVINE FORGIVENESS

Teleiology is a theology term used to describe the study of spiritual growth maturity in Christian Way of Life.

(Heb.5:14) “But solid food is for the mature (teleios), who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.” (Matt.4:4)

We are studying 12 church age doctrines that are essential for spiritual growth maturity. Today we are studying the ninth Teleiology doctrine:

Grace	Positional Truth	Angelic Conflict
Dispensations	Spiritual Gifts	Forgiveness
Spirituality	The Will of God	
The Faith Cycle	Suffering	

We will begin by examining our lesson text by the following four homiletical points.

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| • Chosen | (Col.3:12a) | Children of God |
| • Clothe | (Col.3:12b-13a) | Seven virtues of CWL |
| • Charge | (Col.13:b) | Forgive as forgiven |
| • Charity | (Col.3:14) | Love of God and perfect unity |

You have heard it said, “To err is human and to forgive is divine.”

Today’s lesson will focus on the charge – “forgive as the Lord forgave you.” We will study five aspects of this part of divine forgiveness

1. Two Greek verbs are used to explain divine forgiveness: **aphiemi** and **charizomai**.

Aphiemi is used to explain divine forgiveness being given to all believers on the basis of pardon from all judicial guilt of AOS.

(Eph.1:7) “**In Him** we have redemption through His blood, the **forgiveness** of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.” (Col.1:13-14)

Charizomai is used to explain divine forgiveness being bestowed on all believers on the basis of unconditional grace.

(Col.2:13-14) “And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh (AOS), He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”

2. The justice of God forgives everyone who believes the gospel from the judicial guilt of AOS because of the propitious sacrificial death of Jesus Christ (Matt.1:21; John 1:29; 1 Pet.1:19).

Religion asks, “Who can **forgive** (aphiemi) sins but God alone?” (Mark 2:7)

Jesus’ answer, “But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to **forgive** (aphiemi) sins.” (Mark 2:10)

(1 John 2:2) “And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.” (1 John 4:10)

(Heb.9:22, 26) “And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is **no forgiveness** (aphesis).” [Shadow to historical Christology]

(Heb.10:18) “Now where there is **forgiveness** (aphesis) of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.”

3. The mechanics for receiving divine forgiveness of salvation is to believe the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

(Acts 13:38-39) “Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him **forgiveness** (aphesis) of sins is proclaimed to you, and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.”

(Acts 26:18) “To open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that they may receive **forgiveness** (aphesis) of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.” (Col.1:13-14)

4. Divine forgiveness is a major part of the message of the New Covenant great commission.

(Luke 24:45-48) “Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance for **forgiveness** (aphesis) of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.’”

(Acts 2:38-39) “And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the **forgiveness** (aphesis) of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself.’”; (Acts 1:4-5; 2:33)

(Acts 5:31-32) “He is the One whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and **forgiveness** (aphesis) of sins. And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey.” [Peter to Jews]

(Acts 10:43) “Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.” [Peter to Gentiles]

5. In the pamphlet of 50 things the Church Age Believer receives in Grace Salvation, nine of which are factors of communion with a holy God.

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One of these nine factors of communion is divine forgiveness and the other eight are related to it. These are the nine factors of communion in the Eucharist Cup:

(1 Cor.11:25) “In the same way He took the cup also, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood, do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’”

Redemption (Eph.1:7)
Reconciliation (Col.1:20-22)
Justification (Rom.5:8-9)
Propitiation (Rom.3:24-25)
Peace with God (Col.1:20)

Forgiveness (Eph.1:7)
Cleansing (1 John 1:7-9)
New Covenant (1 Cor.11:-25)
Victory in AC (Rev.12:11)