

**Colossians 3:12-14**  
**Series: Colossians: Maturing as a Jesus-Follower**  
***“Dressing Up Like Jesus: Forgiveness”***  
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Why might forgiveness be the most uncomfortable piece to put on within the clothing of Christ?

**4 Statements on Forgiveness:**

**1) “Bear with each other” (Colossians 3:13)**

Why is bearing with one another the “preventative medicine” of hurt and forgiveness?

In this regard how are Christians to look different from the rest of the world?

**2) “Forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.” (Colossians 3:13)**

What is it about this command that Christians often excuse themselves and each other from?

**Note 1: Who is forgiveness really for? Why?**

**Note 2: This command does not tell us that we need to:**

- Forgive and \_\_\_\_\_.

- Forgive and become \_\_\_\_\_.

**3) “Forgive as the Lord forgave you” (Colossians 3:13).**

Describe in your own words what this really means . . .

**4) “Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors” (Matthew 6:12)**

What are we really asking here?

***“Never does the human soul appear so strong as when it forgoes revenge and dares forgive an injury.”***

- E. H. Chapin -