

“Putting On the Lovely”
KINDNESS COMPASSION FORGIVENESS
(4:32)

BIG IDEA:

God’s purpose for you, His child is that your wealth in Christ should be manifested in your “walk” in and outside the body of Christ. Your “walk” includes practical grace which involves kindness, compassion, & forgiveness.

- I. The EXHORTATION to a Worthy Walk in Christ (v 1-3)**
- II. The WALK of our UNITY in Christ (v 4-16)**
- III. The WALK of personal HOLINESS (v 17-32)**

* Some initial principles on forgiveness:

* Unequivocally, it is God’s _____ that you forgive one another

* Jesus said your lack of forgiveness with others _____ your fellowship with Him

* As a New Creation in Christ, since you have put off the old man positionally, you are to put on practically the following:

1. You are to be _____ to one another.

* Be -

* Kind -

2. You are to be _____ to one another.

* Tenderhearted -

3. You are to be _____ one another.

* Forgiving (normal usage) -

* The underlying _____ for believers to forgive others is God's action through Christ toward us

* Forgiving (this verse) -

- * Biblical forgiveness is _____
- * Biblical forgiveness is not _____ the offense, the offender's responsibility, or the painful effects of the offense.
- * Biblical forgiveness means to _____ the offender from the guilt of his sin.
- * Biblical forgiveness is _____.
- * Biblical forgiveness is not primarily a _____.
- * Biblical forgiveness is an issue of the _____
- * Biblical forgiveness means you _____ to bring up the offense to _____ against the offender.
- * Biblical forgiveness means you refuse to _____ about the offense.
- * Biblical forgiveness means that you refuse to focus on the offense, or to use it against the offender by _____ about it or _____ him of it.
- * Biblical forgiveness is not passively _____ future injury, or naively agreeing to _____ an untrustworthy offender.
- * Biblical forgiveness includes seeking to be _____ with the offender as far as is biblically possible.
- * Biblical forgiveness accepts the injury of past offenses, _____ that God will sovereignly work through them in your life for good
- * Biblical forgiveness is _____
- * Biblical forgiveness has as its ultimate motive to _____ God

* What does this mean to you?