

The Benefits of Forgiveness
2 Corinthians 2:5-11
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1. Forgiveness frees the one who forgives the offense.
2. Forgiveness restores the offender.
 - We must forgive.

“Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.” (Luke 17:3-4)

- We must comfort.
 - We must love.
3. Forgiveness protects the church from Satan’s ploys.

Picture of Corrie ten Boom with

“Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.” (Colossians 3:12-13)