

SAYING YOU'RE SORRY ISN'T ENOUGH
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I. FIRST, IS FORGIVENESS CONDITIONAL?

- A. In some ways, yes, forgiveness is conditional.
1. First, because forgiveness without repentance isn't enough.
 2. Second, forgiveness without genuine repentance is an invitation to be abused.
 3. Third, forgiveness without repentance isn't scriptural—Luke 17:3-4.
- B. In some ways, forgiveness is conditional, but in other ways it's not.
1. First, it's unconditional because that's what the Bible says—Mark 11:25.
 2. Second, it's unconditional if one of the following is true.
 - a. They don't know they've hurt you.
 - b. They don't care they've hurt you.
 - c. They refuse to repent.
 - d. They're unable to repent.
 3. Third, it's conditional because it's good for you.

II. SECOND, DOES FORGIVENESS MEAN RECONCILIATION?

- A. Sometimes reconciliation isn't possible—Romans 12:18.

Romans 12:18a

If it is possible as far as it depends on you...

- B. Sometimes, though, reconciliation is possible—Romans 12:18b.

Romans 12:18b

...live at peace with everyone.

III. THIRD, IS IT POSSIBLE TO FORGIVE AND FORGET?

- A. Does God really forgive and forget?
1. The Bible says God does forgive and forget—Psa. 103:12.
 2. You say, that's fine, but He's God.
 3. How can God evaluate our lives at the end of time if He forgot all our bad stuff? —2 Cor. 5:10.

4. A better understanding of God's forgetfulness of our sins is found in Romans 4:7-8.
- B. But what about us? Is it possible for us to forgive and forget?
1. Forgiveness doesn't result in amnesia on our part.
 2. Rather, it's remembering to forget.
 3. And remembering to forget is a process.
 4. So forgiveness isn't not remembering. It's not bringing it back up.