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Colossians 3:12-15

We'll often try to justify an angry, unforgiving heart by thinking, *Well, the Lord knows what that person did to me. So He gets why I feel this way.* Certainly Jesus—who was fully God and fully man—knows human emotions inside and out. In fact, He Himself experienced betrayal and abandonment, so it's true that He understands our pain. Nevertheless, He does not approve of an unforgiving attitude.

Through the Savior, we see how God views forgiveness, even when it comes to the vilest offenses. And consider this: *We* are the ones who continually betray Him. How? We've denied Him His rightful place in our life, doubted His Word, and ignored His instruction. There are times we kick Him out of our daily activities and decisions so we can pursue things more to our own liking. What's more, we have sinned against both Him and other people.

And what is Jesus' disposition towards us? "Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" ([Matthew 11:28](#)). Now, do you really believe He will justify our unforgiveness? No, He wants us to instead look at the cross. There we will discover the price that was paid for our own forgiveness. Just as we have been forgiven, so we must now become forgivers (Col. 3:13).

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