

Session 11

Freedom in Forgiveness

❖ OPEN IN PRAYER

Suggestion: *Jesus/Yeshua thank You for forgiving me and for no longer seeing my sins. Help me today to understand the freedom that you have given us through your forgiveness, and the freedom I can experience when I forgive others. I need your help. Open my mind and my heart through your Holy Spirit to set me free. Amen.*

❖ DEFINING THE TOOL

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Definition	To give pardon for an offense. To stop feeling resentment against an offender. To cancel a debt.
Synonyms	absolve, excuse, forget

Forgiving is mercy, it is letting go of the offense and moving forward. Having our sins forgiven through Jesus/Yeshua gives us life. We don't walk around in the old way of guilt or condemnation. We are no longer condemned to hell. We are made new in receiving Yeshua's forgiveness and promised eternal life with Him. We are freed from the penalty of sin.

❖ GOD'S VIEW OF FORGIVENESS

When Yeshua/Jesus was being crucified on the cross, there were two other people being crucified who had done wrong and were being punished by the death penalty.

Read from your Bible: Luke 23:39-43

➤ **What stands out to you in this passage?**

Yeshua wasn't seeing the sin of the criminal. He was seeing the faith in the heart of this man who believed in who He was. Because at that time, Yeshua was taking his sin away. His sacrifice cleared away the sin for the other criminal too, but that man would not receive it or believe.

What was the kind of freedom the man who believed was about to have? Someone recently said, "God can't see the sins anymore because He can't see through the blood of Jesus." Jesus/Yeshua has washed us clean like snow. Another consideration is that the only way forgiveness is going to be fully understood and a blessing is for a person to go through something that causes them to realize how much they are in need of it. Many times we feel we don't deserve to be forgiven. But that is why God calls it a gift.

**Read from your Bible:
Ephesians 2:8**

Ephesians 4:32

We are called to forgive others. When we hold onto grudges, it keeps us from living freely. It separates us from others or keeps us from future relationships because we are angry or bitter with unforgiveness in our past. "Forgive the Past

to Heal the Future” is a key concept to moving forward in health. Ask the Creator to show you who you have been holding unforgiveness for. He will show you through His Holy Spirit. Yeshua showed us what it is like to forgive people.

The hardest person to forgive is yourself. The Enemy wants to condemn us and make us feel guilty. That is bondage. But, the truth is that we are set free in the complete work of Jesus/Yeshua!!!

Read from your Bible: Colossians 2:13-15

Jesus/Yeshua disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities (Satan and the demons) and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them! He is shaming the enemy because He defeated sin and death. He canceled the record of the debt we owed. It is gone and the enemy stands exposed with no weapon to make us guilty of our past. This is FREEDOM!

Read from your Bible:

Isaiah 6:7

Leviticus 14:12-14

Before Jesus/Yeshua came, the people went through steps that Creator God had them take in order to remove their sin and guilt. We see that in His love and justice, God had made a way for forgiveness, but it was something the people had to do for themselves, and frequently. Through the gift of Jesus/Yeshua, God’s method of forgiveness changed. Because He was the perfect sacrifice, a human without the stain of sin, Yeshua fulfilled all that the Law had required and no more sacrifices would ever be needed in the future. He bought our freedom by being sacrificed once for all. By believing in the sacrifice He made, we receive God’s forgiveness and that sets us free.

Overcoming is the anointing of the Holy Spirit. You are a new creation. That’s when you get total freedom; when you realize the old is gone and done, you are

free. You share His Spirit of freedom and His resurrection from death. You already live in His victory at the cross. Your prayers come from a place of victory.

Read: Galatians 5:1

There are verses that describe the freedom you have and the new person you are in Yeshua/Jesus. Some verses say, “In Christ.” The word that Christ was translated from is Messiah. The Hebrew word Messiah means “Anointed One.” In ancient times the Hebrews would pour oil over the head of a King, a prophet or a priest. This anointing was a symbol of his authority as one chosen by God.

So, when the verse says in Christ or in Jesus/Yeshua, it is saying that by His authority we too have authority.

Below are some scriptures summarized. Read the Bible verse for the full wording.

Summary	Scripture Reference
In Christ I am the righteousness of God (in Yeshua ha Messiah/ Christ Jesus)	2 Corinthians 5:21
In Christ I am the head not the tail.	Colossians 2:10 Deuteronomy 28:13
In Christ I am above and not beneath	Deuteronomy 28:13
In Christ I am a lender and not a borrower	Deuteronomy 28:12
In Christ I am healed	Isaiah 53:5
In Christ I am blessed with spiritual blessings from heavenly places	Ephesians 1:3
In Christ I am complete	Colossians 2:10
In Christ I am more than a conqueror	Romans 8:37
In Christ I rule and reign	2 Timothy 2:12
In Christ I have unlimited power	Ephesians 3:16-17
In Christ I am an overcomer, overcoming sin	1 John 5:4
I have a renewed mind in Christ	1 Corinthians 2:16
In Christ I am a new creation in God	2 Corinthians 5:17

Some of the verses are from the Old Testament. The verse from in Isaiah is a prophecy about Jesus/Yeshua and what would happen when He came as the Messiah. The verses in Deuteronomy stated the good that would happen if they followed the Law. Jesus/Yeshua, the Promised Messiah came and fulfilled the Law for all time.

Jesus brought and bought our freedom by paying our ransom to set us free by the forgiveness of sin.

Read from your Bible: 1 Timothy 2:5-6

❖ **CLOSE IN PRAYER**

***Suggestion:** Thank you, Jesus/Yeshua for setting me free through the forgiveness of my sins. I forgive myself for what I have done in the past and I now live in you. I forgive those who have wronged me. I take all the unforgiveness I carry and place it in your forgiving hands, the hands that once had the piercings of stakes through them. Unforgiveness is not for me to hold onto anymore because You died for ALL sin. Thank you. Fill me now with Your mercy and grace so that I too can live in mercy and grace and the authority You have given to me by being in You. Amen.*