

Venom: Emotion: Forgive Each Other as God Has Forgiven Us by Means of Christ, Ephesians 4:32d

middle: Dynamic; you the subject act on behalf of yourself. This requires spiritual autonomy.

You cannot manage people testing in such a sophisticated fashion unless you live in spiritual adulthood.

This process has to be present in your stream of consciousness and it has to be facilitated into your neural network.

You cannot get advice from others on how to manage people testing. It has to come from your own inventory of ideas.

Yet ignorance of how to resolve people testing often motivates seeking advice from others.

This results in two pieces of advice, both of which are of no help: (1) bad advice based on human viewpoint, human good, or evil, and (2) doctrinal solutions which come from another person's wisdom and not your own.

Efficient problem-solving must come from the doctrinal inventory of your own soul.

Efficiency is based on your understanding of the biblical solutions plus personal life experience through trial and error under pressure.

Thus, the dynamic middle voice of *charizomai* says that the subject is intimately involved with the act of forgiveness.

participle: Circumstantial; action of the present participle occurs simultaneously with the action of the main verb. In other words, your forgiveness of others occurs simultaneously with your recovery from reversionism.

Ephesians 4:32 - But become kind, performing gracious acts towards each other, and compassionate, and keep forgiving ...

Next comes the dative of advantage of the indirect object from the reflexive pronoun: *heautos* - "each other."

In order to forgive each other there must be the putting away of chronic sins: bitterness, vindictiveness, implacability, hatred, antagonism, revenge motivation, and revenge tactics.

The high ground to which one rises is the nobility of character which characterizes the Christian aristocrat. Chronic sins cause a person who has been wronged to be brought down to the level of his adversary.

Two wrongs do not make a right; you can never acquire happiness as the result of someone else's unhappiness; when either are tried as a problem-solving device then evil 1 goes into combat with evil 2.

The source of motivation and inspiration for such a forgiving attitude toward others is presented next in the form of an analogy.

This is plain or literal interpretation of Scripture. If the context indicates an analogy is being used then we interpret the statement as an analogy.

In other words, an example with which we are all familiar will now be presented as a means of assisting us in the execution of the mandate to forgive others.

The key word which indicates that an analogy is now being employed is the adverb of comparison: *kathos* - "just as."

Then we have the adjunctive use of the conjunction *kai* translated "also," followed by the noun subject: εως, Τηεοσ - "God."

The prepositional phrase which follows indicates the means by which God forgave us: ‘εν, εν, plus the instrumental of agency from the noun: *Christos* - “by means of Christ.”

This refers to the salvation work of our Lord on the cross.

In His righteousness, God could not forgive us of our sins since we were incapable of rectifying our fallen condition. Our total depravity denied God the option of associating with sinful and fallen creatures.

But He decreed a plan which would provide a Mediator to resolve the issue: Jesus Christ Who is undiminished deity and true humanity in his Incarnate Person.

The Lord’s work on the cross was sufficient to remove the barrier between man and God and make possible eternal salvation.

Faith alone in Christ alone appropriates our eternal salvation and at that moment all our sins, committed as unbelievers, are all forgiven, the aorist active indicative of the verb: *charizomai* - “has forgiven us.”

aorist: Dramatic; present reality is presented with the certainty of a past event. The cross was the ultimate demonstration of grace and the maximum application of unconditional love. The reality is that God has provided for us this magnificent pattern for our daily *modus operandi*.

active: God produces the action by forgiving us as a result of the option provided by means of the saving work of Christ on the cross.

indicative: Declarative; this is a statement of absolute biblical truth: God has forgiven us by means of the cross.

Ephesians 4:32 - But become kind, performing gracious acts toward each other, and compassionate, and keep forgiving each other just as God also by means of Christ has forgiven us.

This brings us to a very important principle which must be examined. It is easy to say you have been forgiven of your sins. It is easy to say, if not actually execute, the concept of forgiving others. The reason you may not want to so easily forgive others may be the fact that you don’t understand forgiveness.

This is important to know. It will assist you in the personal application of this passage we have now completed, it will provide you with a wonderful new paragraph to the Royal Family Honor Code, and it will, in the future, help you understand the function of the Brass Serpent lifted up on the guidon by Moses in the *Jornada*.

Therefore, the next increment of our study of venom is, interestingly enough, one of its major antidotes: forgiveness.