

**Series: The Fight for Forgiveness**  
**Sermon: Our Finest Example**  
**Verses: Colossians 1:21, and various**  
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Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Colossians 1:21

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

The Greek word for alienated means to be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

It also denotes “\_\_\_\_\_ alienation”

Even thoughts are not private, we cannot hide them from God anymore than we can hide our physical body.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Main Concept: The ultimate end to forgiveness, is not simply \_\_\_\_\_ someone’s debt. It is taking that debt on yourself, in love, and giving to the offender.**

Ephesians 4:32

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**You cannot have for \_\_\_\_\_ness, unless you \_\_\_\_\_.**

John Piper (in his book, *The Passion of Jesus Christ*)

If God were not *just*, there would be no *demand* for his Son to suffer and die. And if God were not *loving*, there would be no *willingness* for his Son to suffer and die. But God is both just and loving. Therefore his love is willing to meet the demands of his justice.