

Forgiveness

I. **apoluw** - (ἀπολύω) *verb*

A. Definition:

1. *set free, release, pardon*
2. *let go, send away, dismiss*
 - i. a. *divorce, send away*
 - ii. b. *dismiss, send away*
3. *middle go away*

B. Occurrences: 66 times in 61 verses; 1 time with the sense forgive

C. Conditional

1. (Luke 6:37 NNAS) "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned."

II. **aphesis** - (ἄφεσις) *noun*

A. Definition:

1. *release* from captivity, bondage or imprisonment
2. *forgiveness, pardon, cancellation* of sins--of an obligation, a punishment, or guilt--(letting them go as if they had never been committed); remission of the penalty

B. Occurrences: 17 times in 16 verses; all with a sense of forgive except 1

C. *pardon* (of sins ἁμαρτία)

1. (Matthew 26:28 NNAS) for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.
2. (Mark 1:4 NNAS) John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
3. (Luke 1:77 NNAS) To give to His people the knowledge of salvation By the forgiveness of their sins,
4. (Luke 3:3 NNAS) And he came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins;
5. (Luke 24:47 NNAS) and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

6. (Acts 2:38 NNAS) Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
7. (Acts 5:31 NNAS) "He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.
8. (Acts 10:43 NNAS) "Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins."
9. (Acts 13:38 NNAS) "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,
10. (Acts 26:18 NNAS) to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.'
11. (Colossians 1:14 NNAS) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
12. (Hebrews 10:18 NNAS) Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.

D. *pardon* (of trespasses παράπτωμα)

1. (Ephesians 1:7 NNAS) In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

E. No *pardon* of an eternal sin

1. (Mark 3:29 NNAS) but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"--

F. *pardon* (absolute)

1. (Hebrews 9:22 NNAS) And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

G. *liberty*

1. (Luke 4:18 NNAS) "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,

III. **aphiaymi** - (ἀφίημι) *verb*

A. Definition:

1. *let go, send away*
 - i. literally
 - ii. in a legal sense *divorce*
2. *cancel, remit, pardon, forgive*
3. *leave*
 - i. literally
 - ii. figuratively *give up, abandon*
4. *let, let go, tolerate*

B. Occurrences: 143 times in 132 verses; 28 times with the sense "forgive"

C. *forgive* (conditional)

1. (Matthew 6:12 NNAS) 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
2. (Matthew 6:14-15 NNAS) "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. {15} "But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.
3. (Matthew 18:35 NNAS) "My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart."
4. (Mark 11:25-26 NNAS) "Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions. {26} ["But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions."]
5. (Luke 11:4 NNAS) 'And forgive us our sins, For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."
6. (John 20:23 NNAS) "If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained."

D. *forgive* (Jesus forgives sins)

1. (Matthew 9:2 NNAS) And they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, "Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven."
2. (Matthew 9:5-6 NNAS) "Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, and walk'? {6} "But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--then He said^ to the paralytic, "Get up, pick up your bed and go home."

3. (Mark 2:5 NNAS) And Jesus seeing their faith said[^] to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."
4. (Mark 2:7 NNAS) "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?"
5. (Mark 2:9-10 NNAS) "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven'; or to say, 'Get up, and pick up your pallet and walk'? {10} "But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--He said[^] to the paralytic,
6. (Luke 5:20-21 NNAS) Seeing their faith, He said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you." {21} The scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?"
7. (Luke 5:23-24 NNAS) "Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins have been forgiven you,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? {24} "But, so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,"--He said to the paralytic--" I say to you, get up, and pick up your stretcher and go home."
8. (Luke 7:47-49 NNAS) "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little." {48} Then He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven." {49} Those who were reclining at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this man who even forgives sins?"
9. (Luke 23:34 NNAS) But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

E. *forgive* (Jesus' teaching on *forgiveness* & blasphemy)

1. (Matthew 12:31-32 NNAS) "Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. {32} "Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.
2. (Luke 12:10 NNAS) "And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him.
3. (Mark 3:28 NNAS) "Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter;

F. *forgive* (miscellaneous teachings of Jesus on forgiveness)

1. (Matthew 18:21 NNAS) Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"
2. (Mark 4:12 NNAS) so that WHILE SEEING, THEY MAY SEE AND NOT PERCEIVE, AND WHILE HEARING, THEY MAY HEAR AND NOT UNDERSTAND, OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT RETURN AND BE FORGIVEN."
3. (Luke 17:3-4 NNAS) "Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. {4} "And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' forgive him."

G. *forgive* (After the cross - forgiveness to be granted)

1. (Acts 8:22 NNAS) "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.
2. (James 5:15 NNAS) and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.
3. (1 John 1:9 NNAS) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

H. *forgive* (After the cross - forgiveness already granted)

1. (Romans 4:7 NNAS) "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, (API3P) AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED.
2. (1 John 2:12 NNAS) I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven (RPI3P) you for His name's sake.

I. *cancel a debt* (conditional in context)

1. (Matthew 18:27 NNAS) "And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt.
2. (Matthew 18:32 NNAS) "Then summoning him, his lord said^ to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

IV. paresis - (πάρεσις) *noun*

A. Definition:

1. *passing over, letting go unpunished.* (Correspondingly the verb παριέναι means 'leave unpunished'. The verb is also used of 'remitting' debts and other obligations.)

B. Occurrences: 1 time in 1 verse

C. *passing over, letting go unpunished*

1. (Romans 3:21-26 NNAS) But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, {22} even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; {23} for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, {24} being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; {25} whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; {26} for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

V. charizomai - (χαρίζομαι)

A. Definition:

1. *give freely or graciously as a favor of God*
2. *give=remmit, forgive, pardon*

B. Occurrences: 23 times in 19 verses; 7 times with the sense "graciously forgive"

C. *forgive (God's forgiveness)*

1. (Colossians 2:13 NNAS) When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven (AMI3S) us all our transgressions,

D. *forgive (human forgiveness patterned after God's forgiveness)*

1. (Ephesians 4:32 NNAS) Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven (AMI3S) you.
2. (Colossians 3:13 NNAS) bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave (AMI3S) you, so also should you.

E. *forgive (human forgiveness)*

1. (2 Corinthians 2:7 NNAS) so that on the contrary you should rather forgive and comfort him, otherwise such a one might be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.
2. (2 Corinthians 2:10 NNAS) But one whom you forgive anything, *I forgive* also; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, I did it for your sakes in the presence of Christ,
3. (2 Corinthians 12:13 NNAS) For in what respect were you treated as inferior to the rest of the churches, except that I myself did not become a burden to you? Forgive me this wrong!

F. *cancel a debt*

1. (Luke 7:42-43 NNAS) "When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. So which of them will love him more?" {43} Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have judged correctly."