

RUTLAND STREET CHURCH SERMON SERIES: GFG

# GOOD FROM GOD, GOOD FOR US

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### Forgiveness is....

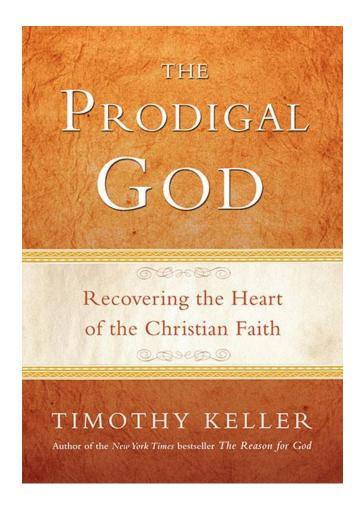
- Miracle of a new beginning
- Giving up my right to hurt you
- Wipe the slate clean, to pardon, to cancel a debt

It is important to remember that forgiveness is not granted because a person deserves to be forgiven. Instead, it is an act of love, mercy, and grace.





### God's reckless grace is our greatest hope



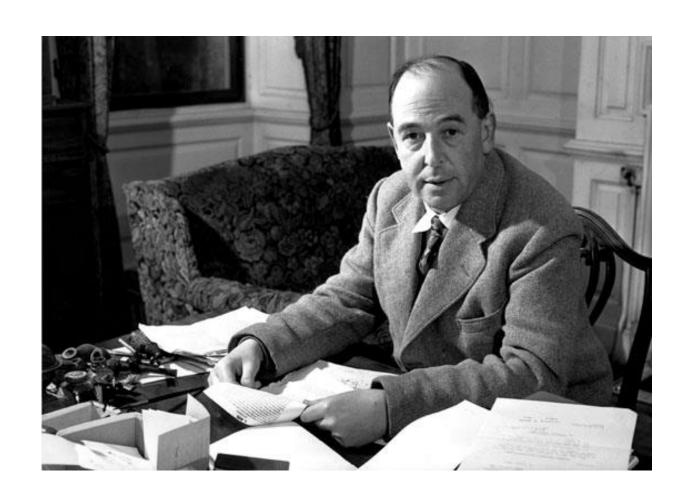


### Renee Napier & Eric Smallbridge





## To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.







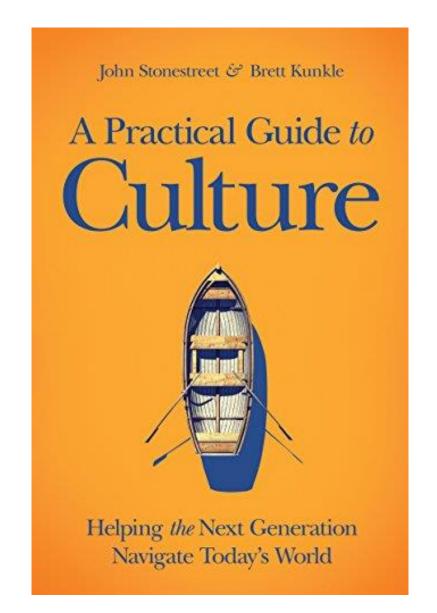
In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace Eph 1.7

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Col 3.13

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Eph 4.32



### Creation – Fall – Redemption – Restoration





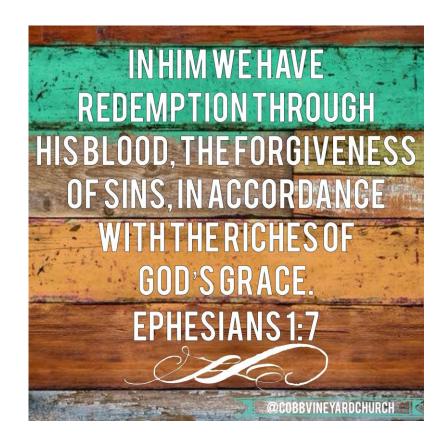
## In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Col. 1:14

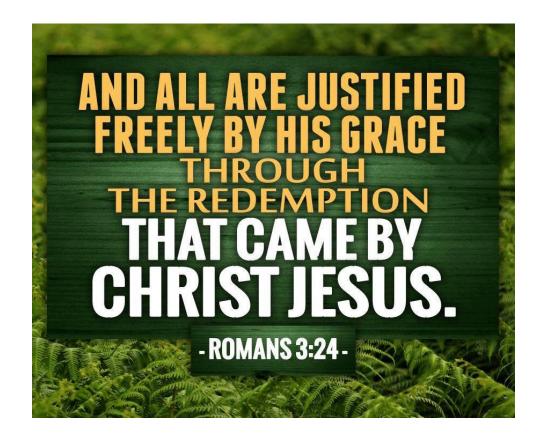


### Creation – Fall – Redemption – Restoration

**Secular** - the action of regaining or gaining possession of something in exchange for payment, or clearing a debt.

Sacred - the action of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil.







Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Acts 13.38







### Murray Robertson

During the years I was preparing for pastoral ministry an older Presbyterian minister said to me, "If ever you run out of something to preach on, preach on forgiveness." In nearly thirty years of pastoral ministry I have come to appreciate the wisdom of that observation.

Deep in the human heart is a profound longing to know the reality of God's forgiveness. Without it, our lives can be locked up in guilt and anger. Experiencing the reality of God's forgiveness brings a whole new orientation to life. We then face the challenge of extending this forgiveness to those who have wronged us. I have never found this easy.

I don't think I have met anyone who has. Yet this is the way of the cross. It is the path of true discipleship.







### Forgiveness that we extend to others demonstrates Gods presence..





### Corrie Ten Boom







Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:31-32 NIV

