

1 John 2:1-11  
Sermon Notes  
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Matthew 7:21-23 NLT

21 "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. 22 On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' 23 But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'

2 Corinthians 13:5 ESV

5 Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

John's Tests of Faith:

1. Believe in Jesus
2. Behave like Jesus
3. Belong to the people of Jesus

John 1:29 ESV

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

John 14:6 ESV

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The reason God cannot wave his wand and forgive all our sins and allow everyone into Heaven is because sin is real, God is a holy God, his righteous anger stands against all sin, and justice must be served in such a way that sin is paid for. Our only hope of escape from the just penalty of our sin is if someone who is not himself under that penalty stands in our place as our substitute.

Hebrews 7:25 NLT

25 Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.

The true believe should expect not perfection but progress.

Romans 12:2 ESV

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

2 Corinthians 10:5 ESV

5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

Forgive:

1. Because it's commanded

2. For your benefit
3. To identify yourself

Colossians 3:13 NLT

13 Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

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Job 5:2 NLT

2 Surely resentment destroys the fool, and jealousy kills the simple.

John 13:35 NLT

35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

Forgiveness is giving up:

1. The right to resentment
2. The right to revenge

Leviticus 19:18 ESV

18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Romans 12:19 ESV

19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

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4-D Forgiveness:

1. Defer to God
2. Decide to forgive
3. Disengage from your emotions
4. Deliver your enemy to God