

Family Restoration

AND HE SHALL TURN THE HEART OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN, AND THE HEART OF THE CHILDREN TO THEIR FATHERS! —Malachi 4:6.

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The Importance Of Forgiveness to Family Relationships:

Forgiveness: What is it?

Why is it Important?

What is it's Benefits in Family Relationships?

Forgiveness defined in the Bible: Forgiveness in the Bible is conveyed principally by words from three roots:

'**kpr**' — carries the idea of "Atonement" or more simply, At-One-ment. Sinful, yet Hopeful, Believing Human beings, being 'Set At One', with The Holy GOD, By Sacrifice (a priestly sacrifice of lambs, in O.T. times), —Anticipated The Coming Time when GOD the giver of Forgiveness, Would Provide His Own "**Lamb**". The Sacrifice Of **JESUS**, the future Coming **Son**, would provide Atonement for all. And Would Need To Be Received by the human being receiving the benefits of this Atonement; A

Relationship with GOD!

If **JESUS** had not been willing to Come Down to earth, make 'the Sacrifice of Himself and His rights as Son of GOD in Glory', no one among all Mankind could be Forgiven, and restored before the Holy Perfect Creator GOD!

Practical/Personal Family Application Of This Concept:

In virtually every family of human beings upon the earth there is a need for At-One-ment. One member or another has failed in their Relationship To The Family. We, by human nature, tend to look at the offense through our human eyes. But what if we were to look at the failings of a family member through GOD'S eyes? What if We Were The Holy Perfect GOD, and our failing family member were the sinners of planet Earth. Would we be willing to take

the Bold Step To 'Sacrifice Our Hurt' To Forgive Someone Who Has Hurt Us? Even Giving Up our Right to Hold Them Accountable for what they did to us? Would we be moved in our heart to reach down to the failing one?

Would we make a Personal Sacrifice of

our rights and high privileges (as holy, perfect, and separate from 'the failure'?).

To reach down to the ones who could never reach up to 'Our Perfection'? Or would we simply 'write them off, as the fallen' from the Perfect Family of GOD? But we have all done many wrong things in our human body.

Why should we go out of our way to Redeem them back into The Family? Because GOD, And **JESUS** Christ His SON Went Out Of His Way For Our AT-ONE-MENT with Him!

