

**In Christ:**  
**Forgiving**  
**One**  
**Another**

**Colossians 3:8-17**

**Bitter ? (Old Nature)**

**or**

**Better ? (New Nature)**

# WHAT KIND OF A TREE AM I?



*“the fruit of the Spirit is*

*love,  
joy,  
peace,  
patience,  
kindness,  
goodness,  
faithfulness,  
gentleness,  
self-control”*

**(Galatians 5:22-23)**



# New Testament **FORGIVENESS** comes out of God's **GRACE**

1 of 4 Greek words used in New Testament for **FORGIVENESS**

charizomai (Strong's #G5483) *khar-id'-zom-ahee*

- Has a meaning of to **FREELY GIVE**
- Related to charis (Strong's #G5485) – the Greek word for **GRACE**

To those **FORGIVEN** in Christ, **FORGIVENESS** relates to your new nature, in Christ, to be **FORGIVING**:

- Colossians 3:13 – translated as **FORGIVING**
- Ephesians 4:32 – translated as **FORGIVING** and **FORGAVE**
- 2 Corinthians 2:10 – translated as **FORGIVE** and **FORGIVEN**
- Colossians 2:13 – translated as **FORGIVEN**
- Luke 7:42 – translated as **FREELY FORGAVE**
- Romans 8:32 – translated as **FREELY GIVE**

## Christians must FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER

“...if anyone has a complaint against another; **even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.**”

(Colossians 3:13b)

**CHRISTIAN:** What part of “**must do**” do you not understand?...