

The Root of Forbearance

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Christ followers are commanded to be “forbearing” (Ephesians 4:1-3)

Ephesians 4:1-3 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ESV

Forbearance: “to hold up against a thing and so to bear with”

Forbearance flows from God’s grace to us (Romans 3:21-26)

Romans 3:21-22a But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

Romans 3:22b-25a For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Romans 3:25b-26 This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ESV

My Next Step Today is to...

- ☐ Choose an attitude of humility and gentleness toward others
- ☐ Accept God’s forgiveness and commit my life to follow Christ as my Lord, for the first time
- ☐ Come back and attend Church in the Valley for the rest of this series