

## ABOUT FORGIVENESS...

[Text] "Ask not to be forgiven, for this has already been accomplished."

You can't be forgiven for what you haven't done. And you have not managed to be an orphan. You have not managed to be an independent agent acting in opposition to the Father. It can't be done! And so you haven't done it. Therefore you are not guilty of it and you can thereby abandon the feelings of guilt that keep you from reaching out to the Father and embracing Him and His Gift to you of Himself as all there is to you.

You see? It's utter simplicity. But it requires the complete abandonment of self-will, which finds expression through self-righteousness.

[Text] "Ask not to be forgiven, for this has already been accomplished. Ask, rather, to learn how to FORGIVE, and restore what always was to your unforgiving mind."

What unforgiving mind? Well, the mind that gets pissed off when somebody else doesn't pay attention to the kindness and the goodness that's extended to them. And they don't appreciate it and they take up your time giving you the opportunity to be kind and then waste your time by not taking it and using it and benefitting from it. You see?

The anger that comes up is a manifestation of an unforgiving mind. And that means that the gift of kindness that you thought you were giving was an act of kindness – an act, not a genuine kindness. It's the evidence of an unforgiving mind, resting just below the surface, ready to pounce if the good you are doing isn't well-received.

That is self-righteousness. And self-righteousness, as I said last week, is the number one killer. It is that which keeps you separate from the Source of your Life which is your Father, Who, by making the Gift of Himself to you as you is the non-existence of an independent agent, and is the presence of You in your right Mind enjoying and perceiving Creation as it truly is, so full of joy and love that there cannot be any occasion for mean-spirited, small minded self-interest, self-righteousness, self-importance.

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