



A light to my path. Psalm 119:105

## **The Cost to Forgive Someone**

A supplier pays the cost of goods to sell. A buyer pays a price to buy the goods. Forgiveness is like goods to be sold. The person who forgives another must pay the cost. That cost has different forms including acknowledging the hurt and hate they hold towards the offender, no longer holding onto the offense, not requiring the offender to pay, stopping their negative thinking, and tearing down the emotional wall they built to separate them from the offender.

We can only forgive when we agree to pay those costs. Jesus, God's beloved son, agreed with his father to pay the cost of forgiveness for all humanity. His cost included constant rejection by rulers of authority, tearing flesh from his body, nailing his hands and feet to a cross, bearing a crown of thorns pushed into his scalp, and receiving all of our filthy sins into his body where God's wrath scourged each one (Matthew 27:26-50, NKJV).

Beloved, since Jesus paid a higher cost than expected of us, we should agree to pay our cost of forgiving someone who has hurt us. It was not easy for Jesus to pay the cost of our forgiveness. Neither is it easy for us to bear the cost of forgiving another. However, the longer we wait to forgive, the greater the cost of forgiveness.

(Matthew 18:21-22)

Shalom!!

## **Love Life Ministry**

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