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Forgiveness Peace and Reconciliation

Resurrection Day is being celebrated by billions of people on this date as this is the date celebrated that Jesus rose for all.

Luke 23:33,34

And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

Love was on the cross that day to destroy the works of Sin..... Satan's job is to kill, steal and destroy and deceive us with deception. Jesus paid the price on the cross so that we could be restored to a right relationship with God. Sin brings a wall between us and God. It forms a separation between us and God and through the blood of Jesus Christ that wall and separation was torn down. Sin is destruction and death and Satan will do all that he can to bring calamity and division in our lives. Satan is always trying to build a roadblock between us and God.

Hebrews 2:14-17

It is very hard for us to forgive on the level that Jesus forgave. We are to forgive 70 times 70 according to the word. God had a plan to bring us back into right standing and Jesus was that plan. Satan does not want us to forgive as this is a roadblock between us and God. Unforgiveness keeps us STUCK in the pain of the past. Hurting people hurt other people. Forgiveness means to grant a pardon for, remission of something, cease to blame or cease to feel resentment against, to remit, send away, to release, and let go.

Mark 11:25

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you.

We must learn how to DROP IT, LEAVE IT AND LET IT GO. Satan wants to keep that wall up and keep a roadblock between us and the Lord so that he can continually have the right to kill, steal and destroy our lives. The door comes open for Satan when we live in a state of unforgiveness. The door to the demonic world can come before you. You can't hide sin. Sin will expose you. You can't bury sin. There is seed in sin and it will come up and expose you.

Ephesians 2:1-10 (Romans 5:8)

Peace and Grace be upon us. Nothing missing, nothing broken and nothing wanting in your life. Unforgiveness robs you of peace in your life. If you don't have peace in your life, it is hard to have peace with anyone else. Intimacy with God allows us to have intimacy with others in our life. The enemy works hard to keep us from being reconciled with God. Satan wants us to remain shattered, cracked and fallen apart. But thank God we have a way back to reconciliation. We are all on the potters wheel and we determine just how much he can shape us by yielding to His word.

Peace and forgiveness is associated with reconciliation. Jesus went to the cross to reconcile us to where God intended for us to be. Reconciliation brings peace with Christ and other people. Jesus is the only way to peace. We have to make choices in how we live our lives. Are we going to be a forgiving person and walk in the peace of God and allow reconciliation to have us in the place where God wants us to be.

When God puts people back together, the world is put back together.....that's why the enemy tries to keep us so torn apart. God truly has a plan to help us get our lives together so that we can help others.

God wants us to DROP IT, LEAVE IT and LET IT GO. Peace, Forgiveness and Reconciliation are God's plans for our lives and road to a live way of life. He is seated on the right hand of God. JESUS.....JESUS.....JESUS