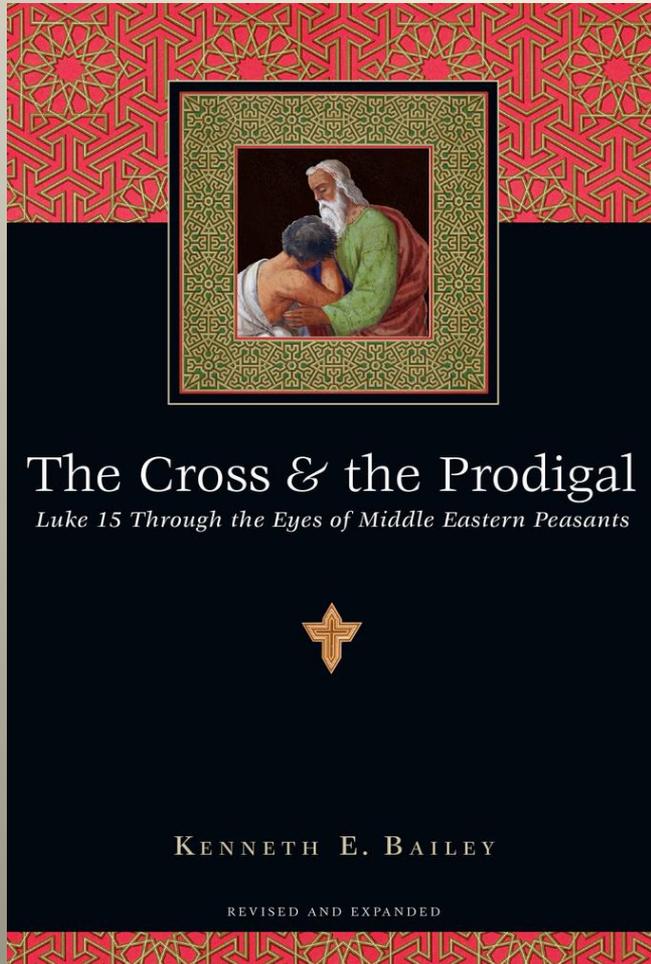


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(Part 2 – Luke 15:11-32)

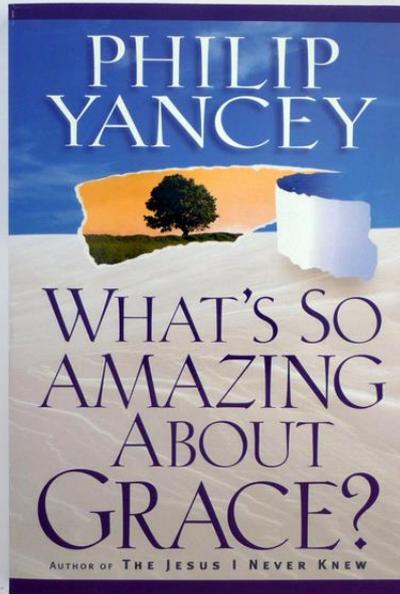
THE PRODIGAL SON

'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.'



Kenneth Bailey

'Kezazah'



*“Forgiveness has about
it the maddening
quality of being
undeserved,
unmerited, unfair.”*

Philip Yancey

What did Jesus say about Forgiveness? (Part 1)

- We forgive, because we have been forgiven
- Forgiveness isn't easy: it's costly
- Forgiveness is honest; it doesn't make excuses
- Forgiveness helps us break free
- How do we forgive?
- Can we forgive the unrepentant?

What did Jesus say about Forgiveness? (Part 2)

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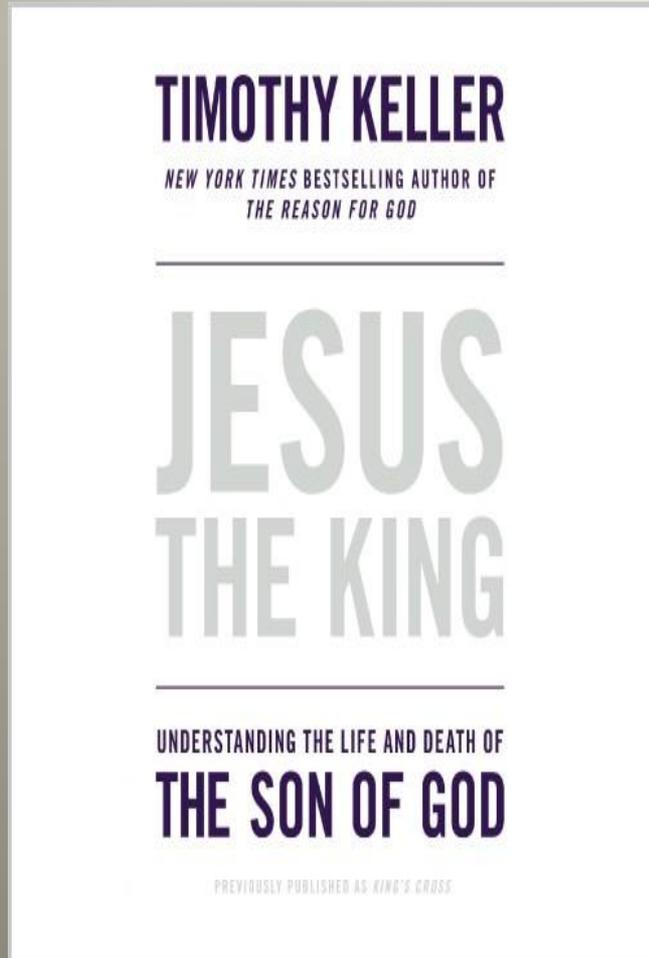
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Why does God forgive us?

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'

(John 3:16)

Why does God forgive us?



“The Father, the Son, and the Spirit have been knowing and loving one another perfectly for all eternity. Within himself, God has forever had all the love, all the fulfillment, and all the joy that he could possibly want... And the only way we’re going to get any more is from him.”

“Can a woman forget the baby at the breast, feel no pity for the child she has borne? Even if these were to forget, I shall not forget you. Look, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.”

Isaiah 49:15,16



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*'He himself bore our sins in his
body on the tree.'*

(1 Pet.2:24)

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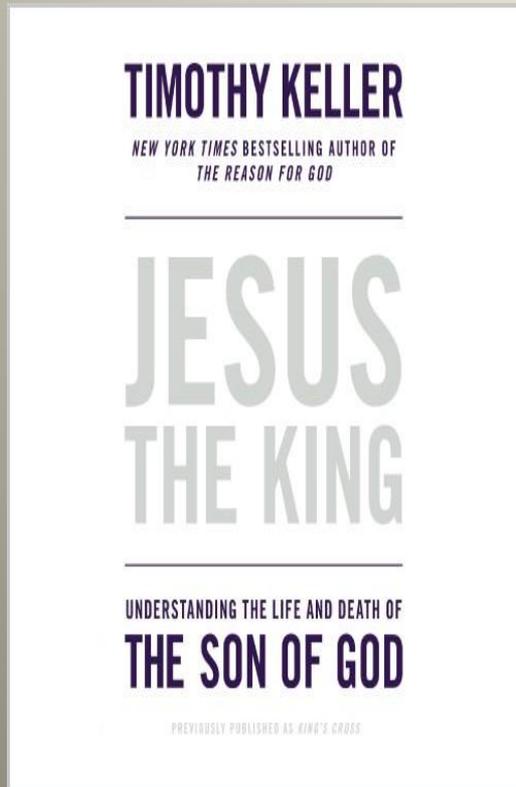
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How does God forgive?

*“The Son of man **must** suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again”*

(Mark.8:31)

How does God forgive?



‘God says, “The only way I can forgive the sins of the human race is to suffer—either you will have to pay the penalty for sin or I will.” Sin always entails a penalty... The only way God can pardon us and not judge us is to go to the cross and absorb it into himself. “I must suffer,” Jesus said.’

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Does God forgive the unrepentant?



Grand Hotel Brighton: October 1984

Does God forgive the unrepentant?

Whoever comes to me I will never drive away. (John 6:37)

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. (Matt.11:28)

The Lord is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” (2 Pet.3:9)

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How does God forgive?

Does God forgive the unrepentant?

So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

(Lk.15:20)

