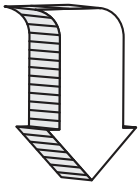


3 TYPES OF FORGIVENESS

DIVINE FORGIVENESS OFFERED

VERTICAL (or "Upward")

God

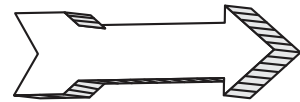


If you repent and receive
God's forgiveness > **New Identity**

HUMAN FORGIVENESS OFFERED

HORIZONTAL (or "Outward")

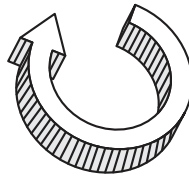
Others



If the wrongdoer repents and receives
your forgiveness > **New relationship**

INTERNAL (or "Inward")

You



If you internally forgive, you can
seek reconciliation and justice

The dimensions of forgiveness are threefold:

The vertical or upward dimension. The character and reception of God's forgiveness:

- (1) God's salvation is more than past forgiveness but the basis for future forgiveness: justification and adoption.
- (2) The instrument(s) that receive this divine forgiveness and salvation are repentance and faith.

The internal or inward dimension. The character and granting of human forgiveness:

- (1) It is granted before felt because it is a promise and a practice.
- (2) It entails costly suffering, as it absorbs the debt rather than seeking revenge.

The horizontal or outward dimension. The character and extension of human forgiveness:

- (1) It pursues both mercy and justice together and interdependently, since both are forms of love.
- (2) It holds out the offer of a reconciled relationship and, eventually, a restoration of trust.

FORGIVE