

**RESOLUTION OF QUARRELS IN THE HOUSE OF GOD
COLOSSIANS 3:13**

I. A DEFINITION OF "QUARREL" IS SIMPLY THAT ONE BELIEVER FEELS ANOTHER IS AT FAULT

- A. The Verb Form Of The Noun In Question Has Reference To A "Debt That Is Owed"
- B. There Is The Perception Of Some Negligence Or Oversight Of Duty That The Other Party Felt Was Due Him Pertaining To A Particular Circumstance Or The Relationship In General

II. NOTE WHERE GOD PLACES THE BURDEN FOR THE RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM

- A. There Are Other Passages Of Scripture Where God Places The Responsibility On The Offender
- B. Here, It Is Placed On The Shoulders Of The Person Who Has Been Offended
 - 1. In One Scenario He May Have To Be "*Forbearing*"
 - a. There May Not Necessarily Be Any Sin Involved
 - b. You Simply Need To Endure The Irritant
 - c. This Is Particularly True In Reciprocal Relationships Where It Is Legitimate To Expect Something From Both Parties
 - 2. In Another Scenario He May Have To Go The Extra Mile And Be "*Forgiving*"
 - a. Sin Is Definitely Involved
 - b. You Simply Dismiss The Offense
 - c. An Expectation Of Reciprocity Was Not In The Picture

III. THE MOTIVE FOR EXERCISING FORGIVENESS IS: *EVEN AS CHRIST FORGAVE YOU*