



365 days of devotion to Christ

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...I am with you always, even
unto the end of the world...

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Day 2 of 365



Week 1 – It should have been me

Its when you look at the old rugged cross and think about everything you've done in your life that you say to yourself "that should have been me"... the truth? The cross should have been our death, He who knew no sin died in our place, to set us free, to give us the ONLY way back to the Father. It should have been me but halleluiah my savior died for me!

Day 2 – Mercy

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. (Romans Chapter 5 verse 8-9 KJV)

Grace, receiving something that you could never deserve or earn: forgiveness and eternal life. The grace of God is beautiful, it is unending, it is eternal, fully sufficient to cover every sin, and by the blood of Jesus Christ we are set free from the bonds of this world. There is something equally important that we must remember about our relationship with Jesus, by the Father's love not only do we receive eternal life through Jesus Christ, not only do we receive forgiveness of sins and a love that will keep us in the darkest nights, we also receive mercy! If grace is receiving what we do not deserve then mercy is not receiving what we do deserve! What do we deserve? Death. Eternal torment. Separation from God. What do we receive? Eternal life. Eternal peace. Intimate fellowship with God!

Think about it this way, imagine that someone has spit on, mocked, kicked, beat, tortured, and finally murdered your only son... how would you feel? Because of our sin, because we are unable to simply abide in God's law and daily fulfill His way Jesus had to come and had to do the work for us! Because of our sin the Father's only begotten Son had to die a miserable death, as you enter day 2 of the 365 day challenge know this: no matter how small no matter how big, because of our sin against God Jesus was nailed to the cross! We deserve death... instead? Mercy. Rejoice in the mercy of the Father and know it was by His love and His work that we are saved!

Today's prayer:

Pray the Lord would give you strength to see His mercy and grace everyday in your

life. No matter how horrible your circumstances the mercy and grace of the Lord withhold the true suffering and misery we deserve. Pray the Lord would touch your heart and open your eyes daily to His presence and His love. Seek Him with all your heart and as you do pray He would manifest Himself to you in a intimate and wonderful way!