



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 3 of 365



## Week 1 – It should have been me

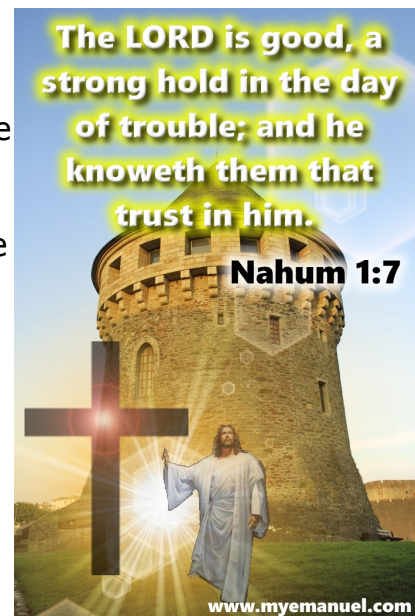
Its when you look at the old rugged cross and think about everything you've done in your life that you say to yourself "that should have been me"... the truth? The cross should have been our death, He who knew no sin died in our place, to set us free, to give us the ONLY way back to the Father. It should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

## Day 3 – Mercy and grace

**This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. (Lamentations Chapter 3 verse 21-24 KJV)**

Its amazing to know that our God is not some "cosmic bully" with a magnifying glass on an ant hill that is the planet earth instead He is a caring, a present, a loving, a passionate, a wonderful Father who withholds the judgment and wrath we all deserve. God loves those He has created so much that He gave His only Son to die in our place and everyday it is by His mercy and grace alone that we are able to live a peaceful life. It is by His love that we are able to open our eyes, it is by His grace that through a personal relationship with Jesus that we have the guarantee of eternal life, and by His mercy that we are not consumed, destroyed, and cast in to hell when we fail Him.

Have you ever met someone who has it all? The new house, the new cars, the clothes, the TVs, everything that you think would make you happy and yet? They are miserable. Why? People often become a slave to their things as the love of money is the root of all evil, they are so rich by possessions but so poor because they have forgotten the God who has blessed them, who has freed them, and who has allowed them to be successful and have the earthly things. I would give up everything to



be rich in Christ, to be rich in Christ is to be rich indeed! As you enter day 3 of the 365 day devotion I pray you would understand that spiritual riches are far better than those of the flesh: you take your spirit with you! Naked we come in to this world, naked we will leave it!

**Today's prayer:**

Pray God would refresh your faith and draw you close to His love, guidance, and direction for your life. Pray He would give you strength to walk obediently as you seek to know Him more, that He would give you the wisdom and ability to love Him with all your heart and soul and strength. Pray the Holy Spirit moves freely and mightily in your heart as He draws you close to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus. Pray the comforter would give you comfort, peace, and wisdom!