



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 5 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 5 – joy

**Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice...Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians Chapter 4 verse 4, verse 6 KJV)**

How wonderful is it that we serve a God who hears our every word? So many people think to themselves "if there is a God He doesn't care about me"... how can you think that? God is the life giver, the creator, if He had no desire for His creation why would He have expended the countless sums of energy it took to give life? If God truly did not care He never would have uttered life in to existence! He never would have said "let there be light!" And yet? There is light! Rejoice in the Lord Jesus knowing that not only is there life but there is life after death! After the battles and sorrows of this world fade away those who have trusted in Christ will find themselves forever with the Father, He will be with His people and forever we will live, celebrate, and rejoice with the light of the universe!



Its amazing to look around at the body of Christ and to see so many brothers and

sisters so defeated and sad, moping around so confused and entrapped by the enemy that they have forgotten the promise of the Father: ask and you shall receive! Seek and you shall find! Knock and the door shall be opened for you! If you were the child of the most wealthy man in the world and yet you and your dad had not talked for a very long time but you were facing a terrible tragedy without his help, wouldn't you ask him for help? As you enter day 5 of the 365 day devotion I pray you would know: God will take you back! He wants you to come back home! Cry out to Him! He is waiting, listening, and eager to pour out His mercy and grace on you!

**Today's prayer:**

Today pray that the Lord would continue to give you the joy that passes all understanding. Pray the Lord would move in your heart and in your life in a way that will sustain you everyday! Pray the Lord would convict your heart of any failure and sin that you must surrender to His saving grace. Pray the Lord would give you the ability to surrender all to His will as you walk faithfully in love and obedience to the hands that set you free!