



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 7 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 7 – forgiveness

**Then said Jesus, *Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do...* (Luke chapter 23 verse 34 KJV)**

Forgiveness, that wonderful freedom from the wrong, the pain, the suffering, and torment that we have caused or allowed. The removal of consequences and punishment for the things we so rightly deserve condemnation, hanging there on the cross Jesus cried out to the Father and even then demonstrated His mighty love for His creation. Mocked, spit on, beaten, tortured, nailed to the cruel cross and hoisted in to the air... dying Jesus cried out to the Father for the mercy that the Lord lovingly gave. It is when you think of God's great mercy, grace, love and forgiveness that one must ask: with forgiveness like that how could we refuse His love? The truth? That is the reason Jesus is the ONLY way back to the Father and to eternal life!

Think of a man that goes before the judge and begs the judge to forgive him, see the man has just wrecked while drunk driving and taken the life of a precious family and deserves the same death that he has given in his carelessness.

The judge does something extraordinary... he pardons the man of this heartbreaking crime! The man let go then goes



on to have something similar happen as someone in their careless drunk driving hits his family and his family dies... that same man stands shouting before the judge for the blood of the one who took the life of his family... as you enter day 7 of the 365 day challenge I pray you would search your heart. Let it go! You've been angry and hurting long enough, pray for strength to forgive in your heart and confess that forgiveness to all those who have hurt you, to refuse to do so is to refuse the forgiveness of the Father for we are reminded: if you do not forgive men of their trespasses your Father in heaven will not forgive yours!

**Today's prayer:**

Today pray the Lord would open your eyes to the wonderful gift that He gave when He sent His only begotten Son Jesus to die in your place. Pray the Lord would shower you with His presence and that He would touch you with His love daily. Pray the Father would remind you of how much He loves you, that He would truly allow you to understand the suffering He endured for you!