

“Forgiving Like Jesus”

Luke 23:32-37

Introduction

- I. When one examines the life of Christ, he learns how to handle every aspect of life perfectly.
- II. Even when He was mistreated terribly, our Lord taught us a great lesson on forgiveness.
- III. The challenge that we have is to forgive as Jesus forgives.

Discussion

- I. No one of us has had to endure the awful things that Jesus endured (Luke 23:35-37; Mark 15:32).
 - A. In comparison, we might be picked and poked at, but most of us have not experienced more than that.
 - B. What are our reactions when we are treated poorly?
 1. Do we seek revenge (Rom. 12:19)?
 2. Do we want to render evil (1 Thess. 5:15; Rom. 12:17)?
 - C. We should try to develop an attitude and response of forgiveness (Eph. 4:32; Matt. 6:15; Col. 3:13).
- II. Our forgiveness should always be available to those who repent (Matt. 18:21-22; Luke 17:3-4).
 - A. As often as we repent, we can be forgiven.
 - B. The same blessing should be given to others.
- III. Jesus is willing to forgive every sinner (1 Tim. 2:3-4).
 - A. Consider the man, Paul (1 Tim. 1:12-16).
 - B. Jesus will forgive any person that will obey the Gospel (Rom. 1:16).
 - C. The nature of the sin should not dictate whether we are forgiving.

Conclusion

- I. It is a challenge, but we should all be striving to forgive like Jesus.
- II. Who knows, the kindness that we extend to another might be the start of a beautiful future.