

“FORGIVENESS”

(Messages from the Cross Series – Part One)

Note: Jesus hung on the cross six hours. He spoke seven times from the cross! The first time Jesus spoke from the cross it was a prayer! (Luke 23:33-35)

I. FORGIVENESS RELEASES GOD’S GRACE IN {YOU}!

**Hebrews 12:15 *Romans 12:19 *Proverbs 24:17-18*

**Mark 11:25-26 *Proverbs 16:7 *Luke 17:3-4*

**Ephesians 4:31-32 *Matthew 5:44-46 *Romans 12:21*

Note: The word “forgive” means “to release to God”!

1. We are to forgive those who ask.
2. We are to forgive those who do not ask.

Note: Jesus did not allow other people to change who He is!

II. FORGIVENESS RELEASES GOD’S GRACE IN {OTHERS}!

**Luke 23:39-42 *Matthew 27:44 *Matthew 27:54*

**Ephesians 4:26-27 *Acts 7:57-60 *Acts 22:20 *Matthew 18:35*

1. Jesus’ act of forgiveness opened the heart of the thief on the cross.
2. Jesus’ act of forgiveness opened the heart of the centurion soldier.

Note: The Bible tells us to forgive quickly!

3. Stephen’s act of forgiveness opened the heart of Saul of Tarsus.

Note: Forgiveness is an act of the will.