

When Love Speaks: Seven Words From The Cross Part 1 April 24th - Pastor Jimmy Chaney

THE WORD OF FORGIVENESS

Luke 23:27-37 (NLT) "Great crowds trailed along behind him, including many griefstricken women. But Jesus turned and said to them, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, don't weep for me, but weep for yourselves...' "Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. Finally, they came to a place called The Skull. All three were crucified there—Jesus on the center cross, and the two criminals on either side. "Then Jesus said, 'FATHER FORGIVE THEM, for they do not know what they are doing.' And the soldiers gambled for his clothes

by throwing dice. As the crowd stood watching, the leaders laughed and scoffed at Jesus. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he really is God's Chosen One, the Messiah.' The soldiers mocked him, too, and offered him a drink of sour wine. They called out to him, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!'"

WHAT WE USUALLY DO WITH GUILT

1.We try to _____

Psalm 32:3-5 (NLT) "When I refused to confess my sin, I was weak and miserable, and I groaned all day long...My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and <u>stopped trying to hide</u> them. I said to myself, 'I will confess my rebellion to the Lord.' And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone."

Proverbs 28:13 (GN) *"You will never succeed in life if you try to <u>hide your sins.</u>" Why is that true? There are a couple reasons.*

2. We try to ______.

Genesis 3:12 (LB) "Yes, 'Adam admitted, '<u>but</u> it was <u>the woman you gave me</u> who brought me some, and I ate it.'"

Proverbs 19:3 (GN) "Some people ruin themselves by their own stupid actions and then blame the Lord."

3. We try to ______.

Psalm 38:4-6 (NCV) "My guilt has overwhelmed me; like a load it weighs me down... because I was foolish, I am bent over and bowed down; I am sad all day long."

WHAT JESUS WANTS US TO DO WITH GUILT

1.______it.

Proverbs 20:27 (GN) *"The Lord gave us a mind and a conscience. We cannot hide from ourselves."*

1 John 1:8 (NIV) "If we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

2. responsibility.

Psalms 51:3 "I recognize my faults. I am conscious of my sins..."

James 5:16 (LB) "<u>Admit your faults to one another</u> and pray for each other so that you may be <u>healed</u>." Circle "healed"

3. _____ for forgiveness.

1 John 1:9 (Ph) "If we freely admit that we have sinned, we find God utterly reliable... <u>he</u> forgives your sins and makes us thoroughly clean from all that is evil."

Romans 3:23-24 (LB) "All of us have sinned... yet <u>God declares us 'not guilty'</u> IF we trust in Jesus Christ, who in mercy <u>freely</u> takes away our sins."

WHAT JESUS DOES WITH MY GUILT

• He forgives ______.

Isaiah 55:7 (GN) "God is merciful and quick to forgive."

• He forgives ______.

Colossians 2:13-14 (Ph) "He has forgiven ALL your sins. He has utterly <u>wiped out</u> the evidence of broken commandments which always hung over our heads, and has <u>completely</u> <u>annulled it</u> by nailing it to the cross!"

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Hebrews 7:25 (Ph) "(Christ)... is <u>always</u> interceding on our behalf."

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