

# SEVEN WORDS — FROM THE — CROSS

## FORGIVENESS

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34a

### I. At the time of Jesus' greatest need He was thinking about *your* greatest need: \_\_\_\_\_ .

*"... for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Matthew 26:28*

#### FORGIVENESS IS OUR GREATEST NEED

God is just, and our sin deserves to be punished. (Rom 3:23)

We can only have a right relationship with God if He forgives our sins. (Rom 5:8)

Forgiveness is only possible through the shedding of blood. (Heb 9:22)

Forgiveness is offered to everyone, once and for all, through Christ. (Heb 10:14, 17-18)

### II. Jesus interceded for those \_\_\_\_\_ of the need for their sins to be forgiven.

*But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.*

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:5-6*

### III. Jesus prayed for their forgiveness then, and \_\_\_\_\_ to intercede for us today.

*Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—  
who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Romans 8:34*

#### WORDS TO LIVE BY

\_\_\_\_\_ **Jesus as the ultimate sacrifice for the forgiveness of your sins.** (Heb 9:25-26)

\_\_\_\_\_ **your sins and trust that you have been forgiven.** (1 Jn 1:9)

\_\_\_\_\_ **every need to Jesus, who continually intercedes for you.** (Heb 4:14-16)

*"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in **ignorance**, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets,  
that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,  
that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord ..."* Acts 3:17-20a

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## HOME GROUP STUDY

1. This series will take us on a walk toward Easter as we study what our Lord said as He suffered on the cross to sacrifice for us. What insights from the sermon gave you a fresh point of view on the word *forgiveness*?

2. What evidence do you see of your own sin and need of forgiveness? How did the idea of sinners acting in ignorance of that need strike you? Is ignorance an excuse for sin (see Luke 12:47-48)?

3. None of us truly know the full ramifications of the sins we commit. The purpose of negative consequences is to teach us to see sin the way God does and hate it as He does, so we make better choices. Can you give an example of how you've learned that a sin affected others in ways you'd never have imagined?

4. How is Christianity different from any religion in the sense of forgiveness?

5. Forgiveness doesn't let an unrepentant sinner off the hook. But when we forgive someone, how does that free us from the bondage their wrong has created for us? How does our forgiveness keep others from controlling our emotions, so we can focus on being controlled only by the Holy Spirit (Eph 5:18)?

6. What is your response to the fact that Jesus is interceding for you right now, has done so during your whole life, and will not cease doing so in the future? How does that affect the way you live right now?

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

*Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of The Source at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events). They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.*

### TAKE THE NEXT STEP AND CONNECT.

If you've been worshipping with us for a while, take the next step and connect! Text "CCBCConnect" to 555-888 and we'll send you info on the Connecting Point experience along with other ways to get in community at CCBC.

**LAST CALL FOR HOME GROUPS!** One of the best ways to connect at Christ Chapel is in a home group. Groups gather across Fort Worth almost every day of the week for community and Bible study, and beginning today, groups are following our new series, "Seven Words From the Cross." This is your last chance to get in a group before the series takes off—sign up today at [www.ccbcfamily.org/homegroups](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/homegroups)!

### GRIEFSHARE BEGINS THIS THURSDAY,

**FEB. 13.** If you have lost a loved one, we are so sorry. Much healing can occur when you have the opportunity to talk about your grief, hear from others experiencing similar losses and gain resources for processing your grief in day-to-day life. GriefShare will meet on Thursdays beginning this week at 6:15 p.m. in the Soul Care Conference Room. Register today at [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

### GUYS, SERVE WITH MANPOWER THIS

**SATURDAY, FEB. 15.** ManPower works in teams to help Christ Chapel widows and single moms with projects around the house. If you have a few hours to spare, they're looking for more guys to join in and serve. Email [ManPower@christchapelbc.org](mailto:ManPower@christchapelbc.org) this week to sign up.

### INVITE SOMEONE TO THE NEXT CCBC

**POPS ORCHESTRA CONCERT.** On Friday, Feb. 21, the Great Room is transforming into the Old West for a fun and family-friendly show called "Saddle Up!" Full of famous western songs sure to make your day, the concert is a great opportunity to invite friends, family and coworkers to Christ Chapel so they can get to know our community and hear more about the God who loves them! The show will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events) for more information.

### REGISTER FOR THE RENOVATE POINT 5K.

Yes, you read that correctly—this is a one-half of one kilometer race to raise funds for Christ Chapel College and Renovate mission trips to Belize! The race is Saturday, Feb. 22 at 9:30 a.m. Register for the race, \$25 per person, at [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

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