



“Freedom in Forgiveness” Luke 23:32-39

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

Jesus’ words “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing” Luke 23:34

John 19:23-24, Matt. 27:44, Matt. 27:41-43, Matt. 27:39

“Fore!” called out as a warning to people in the path of a golf ball. I am trying to tell you something before you get hit in the head.

Fore-knowledge awareness of something before it happens or exists.

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Jer. 1:5

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Eph. 2:10

Memory Verse:

“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

Ephesians 4:26-27

For-bearance patient self-control, restraint and tolerance.

The idea of forbearance arises in the Bible under different words. Forbearance could be explained as showing patience, even though a thing is owed to us. It is holding back or restraining the self from doing something that is normal to do. It is controlling oneself when provoked or offended.

"The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." ... Galatians 5:22-23

"Fore-giveness" of Woundedness

- Forgiveness necessitates preparation
- Forgiveness is a mind-set or a way of living
- Forgiveness fine tunes expectations
- Forgiveness fosters proactive thinking rather than reactive emotional responses

Forgiveness / Surface Wounds

The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed. Isa. 53:5

The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger,
And his glory is to overlook a transgression. Prov. 19:11

Forgiveness / Traumatic Woundedness

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise (crush) Him;
He has put Him to grief.
When You make His soul an offering for sin,
He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days... Isa. 53:10

Forgiveness / Surgical

But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities; Isa. 53:5

Prayer of Forgiveness

Oh Lord my God,

I renounce _____ and _____ and the limitations they cause in me and around me.

You are my healer, _____ is not.

_____ is not mine, I release it. I am _____ God. I am _____ you.

I _____ unforgiveness and I choose _____ and _____ for myself and others.

You _____, and I _____ you, help me Lord to forgive with a willing heart.

I release _____ unto you. I choose to forgive in Jesus Name.

I love you. Help me please. Amen