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Seven Last Words - Part 1
Forgiveness
Luke 23:27-37

The Things We Do with Guilt

1. We _____ it.

Psalm 32:3-5 (NLT) When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

Proverbs 28:13 (NLT) People who conceal their sins will not prosper.

2. We _____ others.

Genesis 3:12 (NIV) It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit and I ate it.

3. We _____ ourselves up.

Psalm 38:4,6 (NIV) My guilt overwhelms me - it's a burden too heavy to bear. I am bent over and racked with pain. All day long I walk around filled with grief.

What We Need to Do with Guilt

1. _____ it.

1 John 1:8 (NIV) If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves.

2. _____ responsibility.

Psalm 51:3 (NIV) For I know my transgressions
(Good News) I recognize my faults

James 5:16 (NLT) Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other that you may be healed.

3. _____ for forgiveness.

1 John 1:9 (J.B. Phillips) But if we freely admit that we have sinned, we find God utterly reliable and straight forward - he forgives our sins and makes us thoroughly clean from all that is evil.

What Does Jesus Do Then?

1. He forgives me _____.

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

2. He forgives me _____.

Colossians 2:13-14 (J.B. Phillips) He has forgiven you all your sins: Christ has utterly wiped out the damning evidence of broken laws and commandments which always hung over our heads, and has completely annulled it by nailing it over his own head on the cross.

3. He forgives me _____.

Ephesians 1:7 (GN) For by the blood of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God.