

From The Cross: My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?
Matthew 27:47-46

I. Jesus endured the wrath reserved for us. (Matthew 26:39, Romans 3:25)

A. Jesus is the propitiation for our sins. (Romans 3:25)

B. The Cup of the Cross is not predominantly physical suffering but rather spiritual suffering. (Ps. 75:8, Isa. 51:17, 20-22, Jer. 25:15-16)

II. Jesus suffered the separation reserved for us. (Matthew 27:46-47) (Psalm 22)

A. Jesus was truly, and fully abandoned by His Father. (Psalm 22)

1. Jesus was forsaken by God. (Psalm 22:1)
2. His Prayers were not answered. (Psalm 22:2)
3. He was despised and mocked. (Psalm 22:6-8)
4. He was overpowered by ferocious men. (Psalm 22:12-13)
5. He went through the physical and emotional agony of crucifixion. (Psalm 22:14-18)

B. Jesus' separation from the Father permits our reconciliation to the Father. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

III. Jesus' obedience encourages our obedience.

A. Jesus' cry from the Cross was not a question of God's purpose, but rather an expression of His absence. (Matthew 17:22-23, John 18:4-5)

B. Fix our eyes on Christ in the midst of our suffering knowing that He is sovereign over it all. (Hebrews 12:1-3)

Application:

1. Surrender my heart to God and put my trust in Him ____
2. Put the Cross at the Center of My walk with God ____
3. See the Greatness of My Sin and the Greatness of God's Love ____
4. Ask God to give you a heart who are separated from God's Love ____