



"Forsaken but Not Forgotten"
Perspectives from the Cross
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"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
Mark 15:35

Mark 15:33-35

The cry of Jesus expresses:

1. The DEEP work on the cross. Ephesians 1:7

Jesus had to:

- a. TAKE on our sin. John 1:29, 2 Corinthians 5:21
- b. ATONE for our sin. John 10:15, Hebrews 9:22, 10:4, 13:20
- c. PAY for our sin. 1 John 2:2
- d. The deep work on the cross means SALVATION for all who will believe in Christ. John 3:36, Romans 10:9-10

2. The DESOLATION of the cross. John 18:4, Psalm 22

- a. He experienced SPIRITUAL desolation. Psalm 22:1-2, 13:1
- b. He experienced RELATIONAL desolation. Psalm 22:11-13, Mark 14:27
- c. He experienced PHYSICAL desolation. Psalm 22:14-17, 2 Corinthians 11:24-25

d. The desolation of the cross means we can DRAW near to God. Hebrews 10:19-22, Exodus 20:19, James 4:8

3. The DELIVERANCE from the cross. Hebrews 12:2, Psalm 30:5

- a. He knew He would receive VINDICATION. Psalm 22:21-24, 2 Corinthians 4:17
- b. The deliverance from the cross means HOPE when life seems dark. Hebrews 12:2, Romans 15:13

Questions to Consider

- What do I need today? Salvation? Nearness? Hope? Have I turned to Christ to meet these needs? What, if anything, is stopping me from surrendering all to Jesus?

What is the Holy Spirit prompting me to do?
