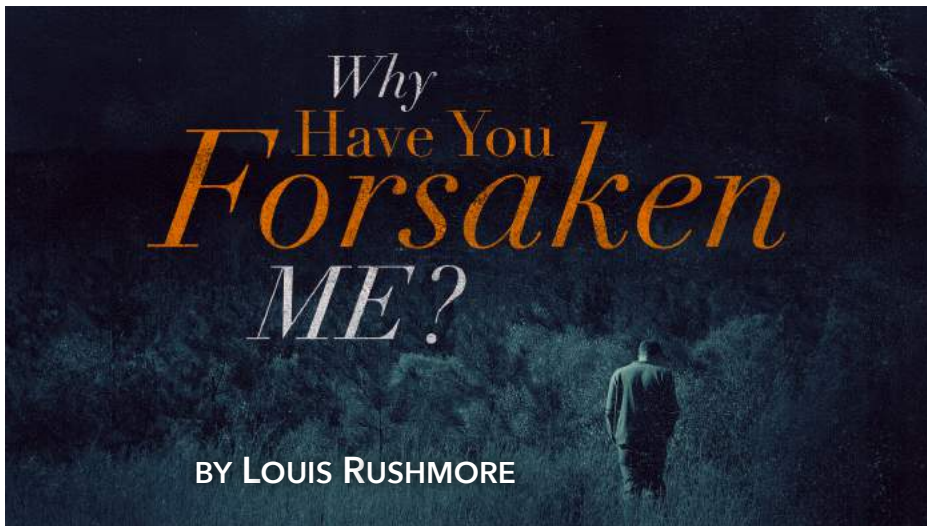


The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 19, 2018



Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34 recorded one of Jesus' statements on the cross not long before He died. The account in the Gospel According to Mark reads, "And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which is translated, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?'" (NKJV). These words are a quotation of Psalm 22:1, where we find, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?" David's Psalm 22 is noted for being Messianic and prophetic about the sufferings of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Through all the adversity described therein, nevertheless, an unflinching confidence in Almighty God concludes Psalm 22.

The questions arise, "Why did Jesus on the cross utter, 'My

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for all ages & fellowship for lunch every Sunday!

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... God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"; "What did Jesus' statement mean?" and "In what sense did God the Father 'forsake' Christ on the cross?" Scripture does not answer these questions for us specifically. Hence, commentators are perplexed and provide varying explanations. Like some similarly difficult biblical passages, it is easier to declare what the passage **does not** mean than it is to confidently affirm what it does mean. As such, for instance, the notion is rejected that the divine side of our Lord separated from the human side, leaving only the abandoned, suffering and confused human on the cross.

Instead, following are some of the best observations from commentators that offer plausible and biblically compatible insight to our Lord's utterance on the cross, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

- "Jesus sensed a separation from the Father He had never known, for in becoming sin the Father had to turn judicially from His Son (Rom 3:25-26)." (*Bible Knowledge Commentary*)
- "Jesus had been made sin for us (2 Cor 5:21)." (*Bible Exposition Commentary*)
- "He was bearing the sins of the whole world; the Lord had laid on him the iniquity of us all; there was no one to comfort him in his heaviness; and the light of God's countenance was for the time withdrawn from him. He was 'left' that he might bear man's sins in their full and crushing weight, and by bearing save." (*Pulpit Commentary*)
- "Nothing from Jesus so well illustrates the depth of his suffering of soul as he felt himself regarded as sin though sinless (2 Cor 5:21)." (*Robertson's Word Pictures in the New Testament*)
- "...solitude or loneliness because God, who cannot look upon sin (Isa. 59:1-2), forsook Jesus (in a sense) as He bore the sin of the world in His death upon the cross. Paul states, 'For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him' (II Cor. 5:21). It is also a prayer of crisis because of the humanity of Jesus and the intense suffering which He was undergoing and because the Sinless One, 'who did no sin' (I Pet. 2:22), was being made a sin offering." (Cook 56)

To my mind, the best explanation of Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34—"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"—is summed up by comparing Isaiah 59:1-2 with 2 Corinthians 5:21. "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But your **iniquities have separated you from your God**; And your **sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear**" (Isaiah 59:1-2). "For He **made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us**, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). For a time, God the Father was "separated...from" 'hid His face from' and did "not hear" (acknowledge) Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross because our Lord was bearing all the sins of humanity. Our Holy God can have no association with sin. Therefore, while Jesus bore mankind's burden of sin, God the Father could have no fellowship with Him. The agonizing expression of Jesus in Matthew 27:46 highlights the additional torture of a ruptured fellowship with God atop the excruciatingly painful death that He was experiencing. That breach of fellowship was something that the Second Person of the Godhead had never experienced throughout eternity. Likewise, one of the punishments for the ungodly at the end of time is separation from the presence of God (2 Thessalonians 1:9).

Afterward, the fellowship between God the Father and God the Son was restored as Jesus Christ ascended and took His place on "the right hand of God" (Romans 8:34; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 10:12; 12:2; 1 Peter 3:22). "... Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him" (1 Peter 3:21-22).

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NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Several traveling for PTP; **Cali Bayless & family**, she has moved to begin school at FHU; **Stephanie Bayless**, recovering from heart op.; **Clifton Angel**, thyroid cancer, more tests to come, and surgery in the future; **Tim Wilkes, Sr**; **Sammy Williams**; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Caleb & Elizabeth Baker**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**.
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Family & Friends

Claire Easley, Molly's mom, breast cancer; **Macadden Easley**, Molly's nephew; **Judy Dowling**, Joe's mother; **Tasha (Higginbotham) Johnson**, Stephanie's niece, kidney complications during pregnancy, will be inducing labor; **Martha Hatfield family**, Lynn's grandmother passed; **Dan Talley**, Weslyn's father-in-law, stage 4 lung cancer.

Birthdays

8/4 Terry Davis	8/17 Dana Davis
8/6 Monica Meredith	8/18 Carl Honeycutt
8/10 Larry Campbell	8/19 Ron Johnson
8/10 Caleb Baker	8/19 Will Brooks
8/14 Lily Wilkes	8/25 Addi Bayless
8/15 Carolyn Davis	8/26 Jim Jackson
8/16 Clifton Angel	8/28 Jerry Davis
8/16 Whitney Acklin	8/30 Hannah Davis
	8/31 Kara Strickland

Anniversaries

8/1	Terry & Dana Davis
8/1	John & Suzanne Wofford
8/2	Jared & Rebecca Brown
8/6	Tim II & Rachel Wilkes
8/17	Tim & Monica Meredith
8/18	Ron & Anna Johnson

Get Involved!

Sen. Health & Rehab Devo: Aug 22, 10 AM

3rd Quarter Series: Aug 22, 7 PM

"Let Us Draw Near" (Heb 10:22), Jeffrey Ferrell

Coldwater Gospel Meeting: Sep 23 –26

Mark Lindley preaching

Ark & Creation Museum Trip: Oct 3 – 7

Collierville Ladies Day: Oct 27, see flyer

See Bulletin Board for New Postings

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, August 19

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Jim Jackson
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Noah Davis
	Terry Davis
Assist	Tim Meredith
	Mika Meredith
Opening Prayer	Kevin Dixon
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Russell Wadsworth

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Terry Davis
	Noah Davis
Closing Prayer	John Wofford

Wednesday, August 22

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Jim Jackson
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jerry Davis

TECH:	Daniel Owen
HALL:	Jim & Mischel Jackson



August 15, 2018

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Urgent Message

Please announce this and run it in your bulletins:

The Pine Vale Children's Home is going through a major transition. It has separated itself from the state run foster care system. That means two things for them. First, Pine Vale is now 100% dependent on the Church, her congregations and her members for support. Second, the children for which they care will not come from the foster care system, but rather from voluntary placements by families looking for healing, help, and hope. If you know of families or individuals that are struggling and could benefit from a structured Christian environment, please refer them to the Pine Vale Children's Home. More information can be found at www.pinevalechildrenshome.com.

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