

THE CROSS OF JESUS IN A BETTER LIGHT

The Son of God is Eternal, never changing in His being fully God. Jesus is fully God, being born of a virgin, becoming human in flesh. Jesus was fully God born that Holy Child without a sin nature. Jesus was fully human and fully God yet self-limited in that He came as a servant and laid aside His glory and His omniscience. Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature. Jesus maintained His dependence on God the Father and lived as an example as to how sons of God should live their lives. Luke 1:35;

Hebrews 13:8; Luke 2:40; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Philippians 2:5-11; John 11:41-42; 17:1-26

We should pray to God the Father in the name of Jesus. Matthew 6:6-13 John 16:23-24; 14:13-14

While Jesus was on the Cross, God the Father watched with diligence over His Son that all Scripture would be fulfilled and that the purpose of the Cross would be fully administered. God the Father did not allow one bone of His body to be broken (John 19:31-37). On the Cross from noon until three o'clock, Jesus was given omniscience of all humanities sins. The Father laid on Jesus more than His physical body could bear. By His knowledge, Jesus bore all our iniquities experiencing the physical, emotional, and mental anguish of all sin being against God (Isaiah 53:11). At the Cross, God condemned sin to the utmost (Matthew 21:33-46, Romans 8:3). Jesus remained obedient even to physical death, always trusting in the Father to fulfill all Scripture and bring about the complete and final condemnation of sin (Hebrews 12:2; Philippians 2:8). Because Jesus, the perfect man, died sinless under the very wrath of sin against Him, the Father has given resurrected Jesus the authority to remove all sin from Creation (Colossians 1:20; John 5:22-27; Matthew 28:18). It pleased God the Father to let Jesus be bruised and killed by our sin. The grief of Jesus was to experience all our sin strike against Him. His grieving soul was an offering for sin. Jesus saw and felt all our sins come against Him, because Jesus is God (Isaiah 53:10-11; John 1:14; Colossians 2:22; 2 Corinthians 5:19). Jesus became the sin offering which takes away our sins. 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 10:1-18

Scripture proves that God the Father did not forsake Jesus the Son in the way many have thought. Matthew 27:46 tells us that at three o'clock, Jesus quoted Psalm 22:1. Seconds later according to Luke 23:44-46 Jesus prays "Father into your hands I commit my spirit", and then Jesus dies. God the Father hears the prayer of His Son and immediately responds. The curtain of the Temple was torn in two. Jesus knew that His Father would always hear Him and be with Him (Psalm 22:24).

