

HOW MUCH DOES GOD LOVE HUMANITY?

All families have this in common: All kids need help outside the family to follow Jesus.

When my girls were growing up, it helped when godly women of the church also taught them the truths of Scripture. Children don't always accept what parents tell them, but when they hear the same truths at church from their teachers, they begin to accept the truth and apply it. God has given us the church because He knows all families need help outside the family to follow Jesus.

Psalm 22

1,2 How it may feel in a crisis

3-31 Keep talking to God about everything

24 Know that God never forsakes His own.

The wrath of sin

On the Cross at 3:00 Jesus quoted from the Psalms.

1 My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

15 I thirst.

31 It is finished. Sin is condemned

Father, into Thy hands I commit my Spirit.

We learned from King David that when we get in trouble or go through a crisis, we can be assured that God will never forsake us. We may feel alone or even forsaken, but God promises to be with us through our suffering, grief, and pain. We should never believe that God has forsaken us.

Jesus is our best example to follow.

Jesus never sinned and He suffered for the purpose of taking away our sin.

Jesus had been on the Cross for 6 hours when He began to quote from Psalms.

At 3 P.M. He said four statements.

It is evident from these statements that Jesus knew that God did not forsake Him.

It is okay in a crisis to feel forsaken, but it would be sin to believe that God had forsaken you.

What should we do in a crisis when we feel forsaken? Keep talking to God asking for His comfort and His help. Praise God for what He is going to do.

God the Father was in Christ on the Cross, condemning sin to the utmost.

2 Cor. 5:19 Romans 8:3

God's forgiveness in His heart toward humanity never changes. God never changes.

God freely forgives from His heart. Romans 5:8 God demonstrated His love... while we were sinners, Christ died for us.

But receiving forgiveness in the human heart has one condition. That condition is cooperation with Holy Spirit conviction. We must cooperate and allow the Spirit to bring us to saving faith in Jesus for removing our sin. Romans 3:25a God set forth a mercy seat, where people are made right through their faith that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood, so that their sins may be removed.

Remember how we cooperate and receive forgiveness. Realize we are sinners, know we have no power over sin, and know that only Jesus can take away our sin and empower us to live right.

Jesus died for all humanity so that any person who cooperates with the Holy Spirit may have his sin taken away. By His sinless death, Jesus defeated sin and Satan.

Jesus did not die in order for God to look upon us with favor. Jesus did not die to change God's heart. Jesus died in order that we may be changed.

Through faith we are made into a new creation.

The wrath of sin was allowed to come against Jesus and kill His physical body. The wrath of sin included: Jesus' knowledge of all sin of all time and sin being against God, Jesus' abuse by Jewish leaders, and Jesus' physical abuse and physical death. This is what it means that Jesus bore our sin and all our sin was laid upon Jesus. The wrath of sin's fury wages war against the soul. 1 Peter 2:11

Reviewing Psalm 22 as it relates to Jesus:

God allowed Jesus to be bruised and killed by sin. In a crisis, we may feel forsaken. But we don't have to believe that we are forsaken.

6 I am scorned and despised by all!

7 Everyone who sees me mocks me. They sneer and shake their heads, saying,

8 "Is this the one who relies on the LORD? Then let the LORD save him!"

12 My enemies surround me like a herd of bulls

13 Like lions they open their jaws against me, roaring and tearing into their prey.

14 My life is poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart is like wax, melting within me.

16 They have pierced my hands and feet.

18 They divide my garments among themselves and throw dice for my clothing.

23 Praise the LORD, honor Him, show Him reverence

24 For He does not turn His back on His own.

28 Royal power belongs to the LORD. He rules all the nations.

31 His righteous acts will be told to those not yet born. They will hear about everything He has done to finish His promise.

Thoughts in review:

God delayed the victory when King David fled Jerusalem from Absalom.

It took many weeks before Absalom was defeated in war and before David could return to Jerusalem. Delaying the victory caused David to feel forsaken.

Jesus hung on the Cross for six hours. God delayed the victory that Jesus gained over sin at the Cross until everything was accomplished that would condemn sin to the utmost.

Jesus was given knowledge of all our sin. Jesus was abused by the religious rulers. Jesus was physically abused and killed by the soldiers.

Before the Cross, God the Father protected Jesus from the wrath of sins fury. On the Cross God the Father did not allow sin to break a bone in Jesus' body.

Jesus bore our sin means God allowed our sin to weigh heavily upon Jesus.

Jesus was obedient to the Heavenly Father all the way to His death.

All kids need help outside of their family to do what? Follow Jesus.

What might you feel when you are in trouble? Forsaken

What should you do when you are in trouble? Talk to God about everything.

What should you do even when you are not in trouble? Talk to God about everything.

God promises to never leave us nor forsake us. Who said, "Be sure of this, I am with you always, even to the end of the age"? Jesus: Matthew 28:20

**Jesus believed God the Father was with Him on the Cross because Jesus said,
“Father into your hands I commit my Spirit.”**

**The Bible says that God the Father was in Christ on the Cross, condemning sin to
the utmost, and making all things right with Him. 2 Cor. 5:19 Rom. 8:3 Col. 1:20**

**Since God was in Christ on the Cross and God cannot die, what died on the
Cross? The physical body of Jesus died. Jesus shed His blood.**

Jesus died on the Cross so that He has the right to change us into new creations.

Our new birth in Christ means we are born spiritually connected to God.

Born again we are eternally indwelled by the Holy Spirit of God.

**Our new way of life in Jesus means we are being made holy and blameless. We
must cooperate with the Holy Spirit to become these new creations.**

**We must recognize sin and stop it. We must recognize righteous acts and do
them. Our righteous acts empowered by the Spirit are our treasures in Heaven.**