

## Sayings from the Cross 2

Today, we're continuing to \_\_\_\_\_ what Jesus said while He was on the cross. Jesus spoke, let's listen. Listening to the words of the Lord Jesus opens our \_\_\_\_\_ to God. Truly listening to a loved one or friend is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ things you can do. Listening to the Lord is not only a way to love Him but also necessary to our \_\_\_\_\_ life. Jesus has the words of eternal life; and we need to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ what He says, if we plan to have eternal life, let's listen to Jesus.

I've spent several months \_\_\_\_\_ the period between the Last Supper and the day of Pentecost, focusing on the suffering, death, burial, and resurrection of my Lord Jesus Christ. More than once I've \_\_\_\_\_ over the suffering, marveled at His strength of character, wondered at the hard-hearted Jewish leaders, and rejoiced at the victory of the empty tomb! These days in the first century were the \_\_\_\_\_ important of all time. If we lose sight of these days, we're truly impoverished.

I don't know of a spiritual or a social \_\_\_\_\_ that wouldn't find help by a long look at the gospel events. I'm more than grateful that I can \_\_\_\_\_ with my Lord Jesus in his death, burial, and resurrection (Romans 6:3-7). I can be planted with Christ, so that I can \_\_\_\_\_ in newness of life. I can be \_\_\_\_\_ from an old man of sin and live with a good conscience. I can have joy and peace and hope! I can \_\_\_\_\_ with Him for a time so that I can one day be glorified with Him forever. I can let Him live with me each day, so that I can live with Him \_\_\_\_\_. Hallelujah, what a Savior!

**Our reading comes from the book of Isaiah the prophet, chapter 53, verses 10 to 12.**

That's what the Lord Jesus did for you and for me.

We are continuing in this lesson our study of the words Jesus spoke while on the \_\_\_\_\_. It must have been \_\_\_\_\_ for him to speak, since crucifixion caused intense thirst and great pain just to \_\_\_\_\_. Although it must have been the most painful experience of His life, Jesus didn't \_\_\_\_\_ of His physical pain upon the cross; but something more harsh than physical pain came from His lips. Matthew 27:46 says, "about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a \_\_\_\_\_ voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'" This is not so much a cry of physical pain as it is a \_\_\_\_\_ heartache.

J. W. McGarvey, a biblical scholar in years past, offered this insight, "We can imagine what it would \_\_\_\_\_ to a righteous man to feel that he was forsaken of God. But the more we feel and enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ of another, the greater our sense of \_\_\_\_\_ at being deprived of it. Considering, therefore, the near and dear relationship between the Son and Father, it's evident that we can never know or fathom the depth of \_\_\_\_\_ which this cry expressed. Suffice it to say, that this was without doubt the most excruciating of all Christ's sufferings, and it, too, was a suffering in our stead."

Jesus bore the punishment for the \_\_\_\_\_ of all people in all places for all time. "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the \_\_\_\_\_, having become a curse for us—for it is written, 'cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree'" (Galatians 3:13); and this is a quotation from Deuteronomy 21:23. By suffering on the cross, Jesus actually became a curse for our \_\_\_\_\_. The prophet Isaiah wrote, "But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for

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our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. All of us like \_\_\_\_\_ have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him” (Isaiah 53:5-6).

We committed the sins, but the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ the punishment for your sins and mine. The scourging fell upon Jesus, so that \_\_\_\_\_ could be healed spiritually. Isaiah continued in verse 8, “By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living, For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due?” You and I \_\_\_\_\_ the punishment; but Jesus willingly took it in our \_\_\_\_\_. Out of love He laid down His life on His own initiative.

Isaiah says, “But the LORD was \_\_\_\_\_ to crush Him, putting Him to grief; if He would render Himself as a guilt offering. As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; And by His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, And He will \_\_\_\_\_ their iniquities. And therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the \_\_\_\_\_ of many, And interceded for the transgressors” (Isaiah 53:11-12). Jesus endured all the anguish of being a guilt offering and being numbered with the transgressors, yet He endured it to \_\_\_\_\_ the many, to bear their iniquities, and to intercede for their transgressions.

Jesus knew beforehand what He had to \_\_\_\_\_ at the trials and at Golgotha. He wept and prayed at Gethsemane that this cup of wrath might \_\_\_\_\_ from Him. In the end He willingly laid down His life out of \_\_\_\_\_ for the Father and for you and for me. To take up His cross meant He took up suffering. Second Corinthians 5:21 says that God “made Him (that is, Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin on our \_\_\_\_\_, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” Jesus knew what He must do. Hebrews 10:5-7 says: “Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a \_\_\_\_\_ you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.’ And then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your \_\_\_\_\_, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book’” (Hebrews 10:5-7). Jesus the Lord took on \_\_\_\_\_ for the very purpose of offering His body as a sacrifice for our sins.

For Jesus, His sacrifice was very \_\_\_\_\_. He knew God had to punish Him in order to \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins. So Jesus gave His \_\_\_\_\_ to a crown of thorns, His \_\_\_\_\_ to slaps and spit, His \_\_\_\_\_ to whips and scourging, His hands and feet to nails, His \_\_\_\_\_ to a spear, and His blood to purchase our redemption. First Peter 2:24 says, “And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.” His body and blood physically endured the suffering so that He could heal us spiritually with His wounds.

First Peter 3:18 explains, “For Christ also suffered \_\_\_\_\_ for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might \_\_\_\_\_ us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.” Jesus was a sinless, righteous \_\_\_\_\_ for the sins of mankind. Like any sacrifice, Jesus was Himself innocent and righteous but bore the \_\_\_\_\_ for the guilty. God has forsaken Him, so that He wouldn’t have to forsake \_\_\_\_\_. His excruciating suffering and death for our sins was necessary to satisfy the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father against the sins of the world. He bore our sins as a sacrifice that atoned for our sin. He interceded for us and bore the stroke due His people and potentially for the whole world (Hebrews 2:9).

Peter remarks that during this time on the cross, Jesus “was \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to Him who judges righteously” (1 Peter 2:23); Peter notes that we should do the \_\_\_\_\_ when we’re treated unjustly in 1 Peter 4:19. Jesus suffered physically and emotionally the \_\_\_\_\_ of humiliation, rejection, mocking, scourging, and being crucified. He suffered at Gethsemane with \_\_\_\_\_ crying (Hebrews 5:7), and deep grief to the point of death, knowing that He would bear the punishment for the sins of all people, sins that He never committed. Is it any wonder that when the sky darkened and the earth shook, the Lord Jesus would recall the words of David and at that moment feel forsaken?

With these words, “Why have You forsaken Me?,” Jesus was quoting David in Psalm 22:1. Psalm 22 is the \_\_\_\_\_ Messianic of all the psalms. We ought to take some time to read the whole psalm. David, at the end of this Psalm in verses 25 to 31, praises the Lord and declares the Father’s righteousness. Jesus could see God’s \_\_\_\_\_ being done in the cross. Even though Jesus was in pain on the cross, and was cursed by hanging on a tree, and had the iniquities of us all laid upon him, He never \_\_\_\_\_ entrusting Himself to the Father who judges righteously (1 Peter 2:23).

Larry Chouinard observed: “There seems little \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus felt forsaken by God, and even though we cannot fathom all that it might have meant to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. Yet, his petition does not express hopelessness or utter despair, but rather a \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s ultimate vindication. This prayer highlights his extraordinary sense of intimacy with God (He says, “my God, my God”), and his confidence that God will break through the alienation that he now feels. Like the righteous sufferer in Psalm 22, Jesus can confidently say, ‘In you our fathers put their trust, they trusted and you delivered them. They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed’ (Psalm 22:4–5).” While Jesus suffered until He died, His \_\_\_\_\_ that same day would be in Paradise! He also knew that!

John 19:26-27 says: “When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, ‘Woman, behold, your \_\_\_\_\_!’ Then He said to the disciple, ‘Behold, your \_\_\_\_\_!’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his \_\_\_\_\_ household.” In keeping with the biblical teaching to honor one’s parents found in the Ten Commandments, Jesus provided a \_\_\_\_\_ for his mother, who was almost certainly widowed and probably in her late 40s or early 50s. She needed financial support and protection. He gave that responsibility probably to John.

John 19:28-30 says: “After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to \_\_\_\_\_ the Scripture, said, ‘I am thirsty.’ A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a branch of hyssop and brought it up to His \_\_\_\_\_. And therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, ‘It is \_\_\_\_\_!’ And He bowed His head and gave up His \_\_\_\_\_.” The words, “After this,” refer to his \_\_\_\_\_ act which included of course provision for his mother. Then all matters were now “finished,” He completed that which he came to do prior to his death; all of those the Scriptures, including the thirst he was now experiencing, were being fulfilled and the time rapidly approached when he would yield up his spirit to the Father. Thirst is one of the severest \_\_\_\_\_ of crucifixion. For the “perfecting” of the Messiah by physical suffering. “For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to \_\_\_\_\_ the author of their salvation through sufferings” (Hebrews 2:10).

The sour wine [or vinegar] (Mark 15:36) that the soldiers offered Jesus here was commonly used by soldiers to quench their thirst and it’s \_\_\_\_\_ from the “wine that was mixed with myrrh,” which was a sedative that they offered Jesus on the way to the cross in Mark 15:23. Jesus refused the sedative, but he drank this in order to quench his thirst and to speak. They used hyssop to reach up and put it on his lips. This liquid had a reviving effect and Jesus accepted it.

The final Scripture fulfillment before His death involves Jesus' quenching his thirst with a bit of the wine vinegar. Although John does not specify the exact Old Testament passage he has in mind, we're probably to understand Psalm 69:21, "They ... gave me vinegar for my thirst." Why this choice of beverage (probably better translated "vinegary wine")? Was this a last \_\_\_\_\_ of cruelty by a heartless group of soldiers? Probably not. It's possible, but more than likely the jar of vinegary wine was \_\_\_\_\_ to quench the thirst of the soldiers on guard, as they were simply acting out of duty or even as an act of compassion or respect toward Jesus.

Luke provides an additional \_\_\_\_\_ at the very last words of Jesus. Luke 23:45-46 says: "It was now about the \_\_\_\_\_ hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the \_\_\_\_\_ hour, and because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the \_\_\_\_\_ was torn in two. And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your \_\_\_\_\_ I commit my spirit.' Having said this, He breathed His \_\_\_\_\_." This is no ordinary crucifixion of a criminal. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ event in the history of the world. Its significance is revealed by the darkness and the tearing of the veil of the temple from top to bottom. Matthew 27:51 adds that the earth shook and the rocks were split. It must have been terrifying; but Jesus confidently called out with a loud voice the words of Psalm 31:5, "Father into your hands I commit My spirit." Jesus began and ended the cross with a \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus died knowing that He would \_\_\_\_\_ again on the third day (Luke 9:22). He knew that He had accomplished the will of the Father. He knew that His \_\_\_\_\_ atoned for the sins of humanity. He knew His \_\_\_\_\_ would be poured out for the forgiveness of sins. He knew He would rise from the dead in triumph and be \_\_\_\_\_ at God's right hand. He knew that He would come again to \_\_\_\_\_ His own and take them home to heaven. Jesus willingly suffered, because He knew that His suffering and death wasn't the \_\_\_\_\_ story!

Jesus was willing to \_\_\_\_\_ the cross and to suffer the shame because He knew what the cross would do for you and for me. He knew it would give us \_\_\_\_\_ of forgiveness and eternal life. He knew we could be \_\_\_\_\_ from the old man of sin and could be born again to a new life, delivered from sin and death. He loved us enough to suffer and to \_\_\_\_\_ us to Himself and to eternal life.

Jesus Christ rose from the dead, and you can believe He is the Christ, the Son of God. Because He is Lord, turn from sin and serve Him as your Lord and Savior. With faith, love, and repentance, confess Him and be baptized into Christ. When you're baptized into Christ, you'll receive what He died for; you'll receive the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38). Baptism unites us with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. When you're baptized into His death, you're united with Him! You're crucified with Him, buried with Him and raised with Him, freed from sin, and able to rise to walk in newness of life according to Romans 6:3-7. Won't you \_\_\_\_\_ the Scriptures for yourself, and be \_\_\_\_\_ to His will?