

Pastor's Pen

Forsaken!

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"
Matthew 27:46

When Jesus went to the cross, He knew of the unprecedented cost. It was a momentous event, the first and only time he would be separated from God the Father. But why did this separation have to occur? Scripture tells us that God cannot and will not be associated with evil. The prophet Habakkuk proclaimed, **"Your eyes are too pure to see evil, And You cannot look on trouble."** (Hab. 1:13).

This is why Jesus had to be both fully God and fully man. He had to be fully God so that He could live a sinless life. He was the lamb without blemish who took away the sins of the World. He had to be fully man so that He could suffer and die. The physical agony of the cross was not the worst of the suffering that Jesus endured on the cross. The worst part was that the Father forsook him. God made Jesus, who knew no sin, to become sin for us. In other words, for every sin that any Christian has or will commit, God punished Jesus for those sins. His wrath against your sin was poured out on Jesus when He hung on the cross.

When Jesus utters the words, **"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"** (Matt 27:46), He quotes from Psalm 22. This is not a cry of despair but a declaration that the prophecy of His suffering is being fulfilled. The first half of Psalm 22 references the suffering of the Messiah, but the second half speaks of the resurrection victory that God will give to the Son.

Jesus was forsaken so that all who would believe could have eternal life. No Christian will ever experience the wrath of God, eternal punishment, or hell. Because He was forsaken, we are forgiven.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

HUMILITY- (Don Fortner)

"I served the Lord with great humility and with tears"
Acts 20:19

Without humility there is no salvation (Psalm 34:18; 51:17; Isaiah 66:2; Matthew 5:3-5; 18:34; Philippians 3:3). No man can serve or glorify God in this World without this God-given "humbleness of mind" (Colossians 3:12). Anything done for Christ must be done with humility (Matthew 6:3, 5, 16, 33). Humility is not an act, but an attitude of the heart. Humility is brokenness of heart before God by reason of sin and in gratitude for His love, mercy, and grace to sinners in Christ.

Here are five things revealed in the Word of God as characteristics of humility:

1. Humility is a realization of personal unworthiness before God, by reason of one's own depravity and sin (Job 42:5-6; Psalm 51:4-5). It is not a show of words which sound humble, but which are designed to gain praise. Rather, it is a heartfelt unworthiness before the holy Lord God (Luke 18:13; Isaiah 6:5).

2. Humility is a renunciation of all merit and personal righteousness in the sight of God (Philippians 3:9). No man's heart is humbled before God so long as he imagines that he has anything by which he may merit God's favor, or that his righteousnesses are more than filthy rags in God's sight (Isaiah 64:6).

3. Humility is an inexpressible gratitude of heart to God for His abundant, amazing grace to sinners in Christ (Psalm 116:12, 16). It causes a person to live with a sense of delightful obligation and indebtedness to the Lord God.

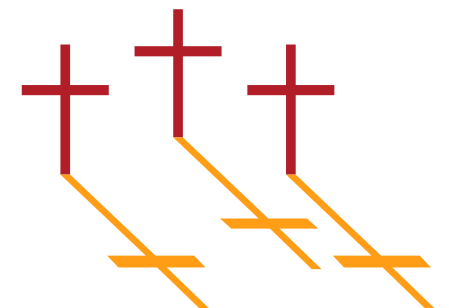
4. Humility is a willing submission and devotion of one's heart to the Lord Jesus Christ that cries, "Lord, what will you have me to do?" (Acts 9:6). Humility is . . . devotion to Christ as Lord, submission to His providential rule of all things, and a determination of heart to obey and honor Him regardless of cost.

5. Humility gladly ascribes the whole work of salvation to God's free and sovereign grace through Christ (1 Corinthians 15:10).

Quote of the Week

"We must grasp once again, the idea of church membership as being the membership of the body of Christ and as the biggest honour which can come a man's way in this World."

- Martyn Lloyd-Jones



Weekly Gatherings

Bible Classes

Old & New Testament Classes
Ladies Class
Young Adults Young Parents
Youth Surge
Sunday Morning @ 9:00AM

Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM Men's Bible Study
1st and 3rd Saturday
Women of Grace | 9AM
Wednesdays | 6:30PM AWANA

Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM
Please check church website
for start date and directions to each

Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team
and need to sign up, please contact the
team leader at the appropriate email
address on the back of this bulletin.

Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM
Youth Study; AWANA & Surge!

Service Times

Sunday Services 10:30AM
Sunday School 9:00AM
Children's Church @11:00AM

Giving from service on 07/07/2024

General Offering	\$23,569.03
Building Fund	\$11,745.00
Uganda Missions	150.00
Benevolence	1,000.00

Total.....\$36,464.03
Attendance 219

Build the Body Ministries

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Welcome