

## LEFT ALL ALONE

Mark 15:34

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**Introduction:** There are many things that people don't think about when talking about what Jesus did for others to be able to have eternal life. Nobody really knows all that He went through or how He managed to go through all that He did. Perhaps one of the saddest things about Jesus' life was the last hours He was here. It would seem that His disciples would have stayed with Him to the end but everybody left and Jesus hung on the cross all alone, for even God, His Heavenly Father left Him. Thus Jesus' cry: *"...My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?..."* When Jesus was made to be sin for people, God forsook Him. Why?

### I. GOD CANNOT TOLERATE SIN

1. Whenever God sees sin, He will punish it without mercy.
  - Some of the angels fell into sin and God cast them out of heaven and some are in chains of darkness until the day of judgment.
  - Adam sinned and he was cursed of God and driven from the presence of the Lord.
    - He was cursed with Spiritual death.
    - He was cursed with Sickness.
    - He was cursed with Sorrow.
    - He was cursed in His Physical Death.
    - He was cursed with Eternal Death.
  - God looked upon the wickedness of Noah's generation and destroyed the whole earth in a flood.
  - God poured out fire and brimstone upon Sodom and Gomorrah for their sinfulness.
  - God forsook His beloved Son, His ONLY Son when He saw sin upon Him.
2. The only thing that could put away sin is the blood atonement and sin atoning death of the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - Hebrews 10:1-14

### II. JESUS' OBEDIENCE WAS COMPLETED AT THE CROSS

1. Jesus was obedient unto death and man's salvation was accomplished by what He did as well as His dying.
  - Jesus came not only to suffer all that sinners should suffer, but to also obey all that sinners should obey and not only to suffer the curse of the law, but to obey the commands of the law.
    - The doings of Jesus are imputed to the believer for his/her righteousness.
    - The dying of Jesus made atonement for the believer's sins.
    - Romans 5:10-11
  - When Jesus was totally forsaken by God, He remained completely obedient to God.
2. Jesus' great, perfect and complete faith was expressed as He hung on the cross alone.
  - Jesus believed God's Word because God said so.
  - Jesus' faith was greater than David's, greater than Jonah's for Jesus was forsaken by God, Jesus was in hell, yet He never lost His faith or belief in almighty God.
3. *"...My God, my God"* are words of great, exemplary love and devotion.
  - Hanging on a cross, forsaken by God, no one looking down from heaven, not a drop of mercy, no one to comfort His soul and all the agonies of pain and hell crushing His very soul, Jesus still loves the very God who had forsaken Him - What an example!

### III. JESUS SUFFERED AS THE BELIEVER'S SUBSTITUTE

1. When Jesus was made to be sin for man, He suffered all the consequences of sin as man's Substitute, to the full satisfaction of God's Justice.
  - Jesus suffered the wrath of God for man in all his positions:
    - As a prophet - He was hit time and again and was asked to prophesy who it was.
    - As a priest - They laughed, mocked and then sacrificed Him.
    - As a king - They put a crown of thorns, an old purple rag on Him and handed him a stick and bowed saying "Hail King.."
    - As a savior - They shouted out, "He saved others, Himself, He cannot save.
2. Jesus suffered in every part of His body.
  - His head
  - His cheeks
  - His back
  - His hands
  - His feet
  - His side.
3. Jesus suffered at the hands of Satan as well as the hands of the wicked people.
  - From the time Jesus was born until He cried "It is finished," gave up the ghost, His life was an unceasing battle with Satan and hell.
4. Jesus suffered at the hands of all sorts of people.
  - He was betrayed by Judas.
  - He was denied by Peter.
  - He was forsaken by all His disciples.
  - He was mocked and beaten by the soldiers.
  - He was named in the song of the drunkards.
  - He was slandered by false witnesses.
  - He was scorned by the religious leaders.
  - He was derided by the two hanging on crosses beside Him.
5. The greatest agony Jesus suffered was when His Heavenly Father forsook Him.
  - Who was forsaken? JESUS
    - So dear to the Heavenly Father.
    - So infinite Holy and obedient.
    - So equal with and in union with the Heavenly Father.
    - So approved of and accepted by God the Father.
  - Who forsook Jesus? God, His Heavenly Father.
    - Isaiah 53:10; Lamentations 1:12
  - What did the Lord God do to His only beloved Son?
    - He forsook Him.

6. What a hell the Lord Jesus went through to redeem lost mankind.
  - No comfort from His heavenly Father.
  - No mercy from almighty God.
  - No hint of acceptance with God
  - Without any sign of God anywhere.

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. Why did God, the Heavenly Father forsake His only begotten Son on the cross?
  - All was agreed upon before ever starting redemption for lost mankind.
  - God was determined to see it through.
  - God loved mankind.
  - There was no other way under heaven for man to be saved.
  - Jesus came to become sin for lost mankind.
2. No one can ever know what Jesus went through on the cross but He did it out of love for US...
3. What can YOU do in return for what Jesus has done for YOU?