

JESUS WAS FORSAKEN BY THE FATHER

There is a reason why the Bible never says that Jesus was separated from the Father. Separation would be a misleading term. God was “in Christ” on the Cross reconciling the world to Himself. 2 Cor. 5:19 The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit cannot be separated. So what does forsaken by the Father mean?

Mark 15:34 “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me.”

For His whole life, Jesus was protected by God the Father and the Spirit from sin and from being physically brought to the point of death by sin. On the Cross, Jesus allowed all sin to come against Him in a physical sense but also in a sense of mental anguish. Every sin ever committed is a sin against God. Jesus is God. But in His physical body God the Father protected Jesus from the ravages of sin until the Cross. At the Cross, God the Father and God the Son allowed sin to come against the physical body of Jesus. Jesus remained sinless even to the point of physical death. The purpose for this forsakenness at the Cross was to condemn sin to the fullest. Sin was defeated at the Cross meaning that sin, personified, is guilty of killing the sinless Son of God and thus condemned to extinction (Romans 8:3). Jesus arose with all power and authority to remove sin from all creation (Romans 8; Matthew 28:18-20; Revelation 21,22).

“Forsaken” is not a separation of the Son from the Father, neither is it the Father turning His back to the Son. In His physical body, Jesus experienced the pain of all sin of all time being inflicted against God. By His knowledge of sin and by His shed sinless blood by sin, Jesus bore our sins and justifies making people righteous through new creation (new birth). Believers are saved by His life. The resurrected life of Jesus is imparted at the new birth (regeneration).

Isaiah 53 Jesus allowed Himself to be wounded by sin for our transgressions and bruised by sin for our iniquities. Verse 5a “For” in this instance means “so that we can be changed into new creations and so that progressively and eventually we will have release from all sins and be totally blameless in His sight in our glorified new bodies. Ephesians 1:4

Jesus continually learned (exercised) obedience remaining disciplined in the power of the Holy Spirit during His physical life on earth. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him. Verse 5b

God the Father laid on Jesus the iniquity of us all. Verse 6b

It pleased God the Father and God the Son that He (Jesus) was bruised and put to grief as an offering for sin so that sin would be condemned to the utmost. Verse 10a

Jesus poured out His soul unto death, even the shame of the Cross and numbered with transgressors, and bore the sin of all humanity. Verse 12b