

UNITY OF JESUS AND THE FATHER AT THE CROSS

Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; He can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. John 5:19

When Jesus said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do", Jesus was doing what He already knew the Father was doing. God freely forgives all sin even though sin offends Him.

2 Corinthians 5:19

God forgives sin freely, but to experience release from our bondage to sin, we must receive the Spirit of Christ into our being, and become children of God. **But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God.** John 1:12

When Jesus said, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?" Jesus was quoting Psalm 22:1 and declaring that He was fulfilling the prophecy of this Psalm on the cross of Calvary. According to Psalm 22:24, Jesus knew that God the Father was not truly forsaking Him, even though it felt like He was being forsaken. This was the only time He and the Father allowed such abuse upon His physical body by the sin of men. If Jesus truly thought that God the Father had forsaken Him, that would have been a sin. But Jesus remained sinless even unto death of the cross. The purpose of Jesus' sinless death was to defeat sin and Satan, and His purpose was to condemn sin to extermination from all of creation. Romans 8:3,21

The Eternal Son of God and God the Father are in perfect unity at the cross. There was no separation in deity, plan, or purpose. "At the cross, God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, and not counting our sins against us." 2 Corinthians 5:19