Why Have You Forsaken Me? Part 2

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INTRODUCTION

- In Hebrews 13 5, we are promised, I will never leave you nor forsake you.
- Jesus became sin, as 2 Corinthians 5.21 says, only in the sense that he became a sin offering.
- We have no business speculating on this matter. We need to simply stick to what we know the scripture says.

1 Can the Guilt of Sin Be Transferred?

Isaiah 53; Romans 5:6–9

- It's impossible for an animal to be guilty of a person's sin.
- You can pay the price for his crime, but you cannot actually take on the guilt itself.
- Likewise, it is impossible for Christ to be guilty of our sin. He could pay the price, but he could not actually become guilty of our sin.
- He bore our sins and our iniquity fell on him, Isaiah 53, but only in the sense that he paid the price that we deserve.
- So the guilt of sin cannot be transferred. Likewise, the righteousness of Christ cannot be transferred.

2 Did Jesus Suffer Spiritual Death?

Hebrews 9:22; Isaiah 53

- Spiritual death of Jesus is not necessary in order for him to pay the redemptive price for our sins.
- What does Hebrews 9 22 say? Without the shedding of blood, there can be no remission.
- It's two different things to say Jesus paid the redemptive price for our sins, and Jesus became guilty of our sins.
- If the price that he had to suffer was spiritual death, then the sacrifice only did that which all humanity has already experienced.
- We must speak where the Bible speaks, and what must we do when the Bible is silent? We must be silent.

3 Why Was He in Agony in Gethsemane?

Isaiah 53:12

- No passage teaches that God forsook Jesus.
- Jesus was not confused, nor do I believe that he was forsaken.
- I believe the answer why Jesus was in so much agony in the Garden of Gethsemane is because of the horrific experience of everything that was about to come upon him.
- It was not merely physical suffering. It was mental. It was emotional.
- Isaiah 53, 12 tells us he was numbered among the transgressors.

- We don't need to make up reasons why he was in agony. All we need are the reasons that are told to us in Scripture.

4 What Did His Quotation Mean?

Psalm 22; John 19:30

- Jesus was quoting from Psalm 22, the very first verse of that Psalm.
- This Psalm divides into two parts. Verses 1 through 21, a cry for deliverance.
- The forsaking that we see at the beginning of the song is in appearance, not in reality.
- For he has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted. Nor has he hidden his face from him. But when he cried to him for help, he heard.
- He was appropriating the psalm to himself. He is the fulfillment of that psalm.
- John 19, 30 tells us that he said, It is finished.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you're not a child of God, become a child of God today. And you can share in the victory that is in Christ Jesus and have the removal of your sins, which means you can be forgiven.**

MY NOTES