

## Christ Was Not Separated from God on the Cross

### A Bible-based Article from the King James Scriptures

It is a common but dangerous error to teach that Jesus Christ was spiritually separated from God while hanging on the cross or during His death and resurrection.

Some preachers even claim that Jesus became spiritually dead, lost divine fellowship, or was forsaken by the Father as though their eternal relationship was broken.

These ideas are not taught in the Bible. They are the result of emotional preaching and misinterpreted verses.

When we rightly divide the word of truth and examine the words of the apostle Paul, it becomes clear that Christ was never separated from God. He was not separated during His suffering. He was not separated in His death. He was not separated in His resurrection. He remained the sinless Son of God. He remained fully united with the Father and the Spirit. He accomplished redemption through His blood, not through spiritual separation.

One of the most misunderstood statements in all of Scripture is when Jesus cried out,

“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me” in Matthew

chapter 27 verse 46.

Many people wrongly believe this means that God turned away from Him or cut off fellowship.

But Jesus was quoting Psalm 22 verse 1, a prophetic psalm of David.

That psalm begins with a cry of suffering but ends with victory and divine approval.

Jesus was not declaring confusion or abandonment.

He was fulfilling prophecy.

Psalm 22 describes the suffering Messiah surrounded by enemies, mocked and pierced, but never spiritually separated from God.

Psalm 22 verse 24 says clearly,

“For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted. Neither hath he hid his face from him.

But when he cried unto him, he heard.”

That single verse directly refutes the idea that God forsook Christ on the cross.

Furthermore, the apostle Paul makes it clear that God was not separate from Christ during the crucifixion.

He writes in Second Corinthians chapter 5 verse 19,

“To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself.”

This is a powerful truth.

God was not distant.

God was present.

God was not turning away.

God was working in Christ.

Redemption was not achieved through broken fellowship.

It was achieved through the perfect unity of Father and Son. If God had truly forsaken Christ, there could be no reconciliation.

But Paul says that reconciliation was made possible because God was in Christ during that moment.

Jesus had declared earlier in John chapter 10 verse 30,

“I and my Father are one.”

That oneness did not pause during the crucifixion. It was displayed in full.

Some teach that Jesus became sin in the sense that He became spiritually defiled or corrupted.

This is not true.

The Bible does not say He became a sinner.

It says He was made to be sin for us.

That is, He was treated as our substitute.

He bore our sin in His body.

He never stopped being holy.

Second Corinthians chapter 5 verse 21 says,

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin.”

He knew no sin.

He remained holy.

He was the Lamb of God without blemish and without spot.

God accepted His sacrifice because it was perfect.

Hebrews chapter 9 verse 14 says,

“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the

eternal Spirit offered  
himself without spot to God.”  
Christ offered Himself through the Spirit to God.  
That is not spiritual separation.  
That is divine cooperation.  
The entire Godhead was involved in redemption.  
Christ did not die spiritually.  
He gave His life willingly and rose again in power.

When Jesus said,  
“Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit” in Luke chapter 23  
verse 46,  
He was expressing perfect trust and unity.  
That is not the language of someone who believes they are  
forsaken.  
That is the voice of the Son committing His spirit to the Father  
in full confidence.  
If the Father had turned His back, Christ could not have  
commended His spirit to Him.  
This proves that their relationship was unbroken.

Christ died physically.  
He tasted death for every man.

But He did not die spiritually.  
He was not cut off from divine fellowship.  
The teaching that He was spiritually separated from God is  
false and has no basis in  
rightly divided Scripture.

The resurrection of Christ also proves that He was never  
separated from God.

Romans chapter 1 verse 4 says He was  
“declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the  
spirit of holiness,  
by the resurrection from the dead.”

That declaration was not a restoration.  
It was a public affirmation of who He already was.  
He did not become the Son again.  
He never stopped being the Son.  
The resurrection was not a return to unity.  
It was a confirmation of an unbroken identity.  
Christ rose bodily.  
He rose glorified.  
He rose in victory.  
There was no spiritual reconnection because there was never a  
spiritual disconnection.

In conclusion,  
the idea that God the Father turned His back on Christ is not  
found in Scripture.  
It is a man-made tradition that misrepresents the cross.  
It diminishes the work of Christ.  
The Bible teaches that God was present in Christ during the  
crucifixion.  
Christ never stopped being holy.  
He never lost unity with the Father.  
He fulfilled prophecy.  
He died for our sins.  
He was buried.  
He rose again.

The work of the cross was not accomplished through

separation.

It was accomplished through the full agreement of the triune God.

Christ was forsaken by men. He was mocked by Israel. He was rejected by the world.

But He was never forsaken by God.

God heard Him.

God accepted His offering.

And God raised Him up.