

29 Mar 2013 (Good Friday): Preached by Rev Quek Suan Yew

Topic: **Why did God Forsake Christ?**

Scripture Text: Matthew 27: 45-48

1. The Bible recorded 7 sayings of Jesus Christ on the cross before He died. The most poignant saying must be in Matt 27: 46 "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?". It was uttered in Hebrew and Aramaic.
2. To be forsaken is a terrible feeling when one is left helpless and hopeless. For God the Father to forsake His only begotten Son in the hour of His suffering and death on the cross is really unthinkable. God the Father has all the power in creating this world and all the power to destroy every enemy. Why would not He come to help His Son?
3. God the Son Jesus Christ equally has all the power to come down from the cross. Why did He choose to remain there? It was not the nails that kept Jesus to the cross but His love for sinners that He chose to remain on the cross to die for us. This was the darkest moment for the Son of God to be nailed to the cross who has done no sin. In fact, God turned the sun away from shining during this period and there was darkness from 12noon to 3pm.
4. God the Father chose not to help and save His Son on the cross as it was His love that sent Jesus Christ to die and be a Substitute for mankind who are sinners and doom for hell. This forsaking of not helping His Son was for our sake to save us. There was never a time that the relationship between God the Father and God the Son was broken.
5. The Bible tells us the response of the people watching Jesus Christ's death was one of curiosity, pity and even mocking. The right response ought to be gratefulness and to repent and receive Jesus Christ into our hearts.