

WAS Jesus FORSAKEN By GOD The Father?

Many people state that Jesus was “Forsaken by God” because He’d said so...

...I disagree!

Let me state why I disagree, and what the Scripture states to confirm that:

First of all, let me make it clear that Jesus was WITHOUT SIN:

2Corinthians 5:21

(21) For he [God, The Father] **hath made him** [JESUS] **to be sin for us, who knew no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Hebrews 4:14-15

(14) Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast *our* profession.

(15) For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but **was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin**.

Hebrews 9:14

(14) How much more shall the blood of **Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God**, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Thus, it is apparent from these citations that Jesus was sinless, a PERFECT sacrifice for sin!

So said, what was the issue, then, why Jesus cried this on the cross:

Matthew 27:46

(46) And about the ninth hour **Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?** that is to say, **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**

and again:

Mark 15:34

(34) And at the ninth hour **Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?** which is, being interpreted, **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**

WAS HE FORSAKEN, THEN?!

It would seem to some that the answer to that is YES – BECAUSE IT IS WRITTEN IN SCRIPTURE THAT HE WENT TO HELL; SEE HERE:

Acts 2:30-31

(30) Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him [King David, that is], that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

(31) He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, **that his [CHRIST'S] soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption**.

And there is also this:

Acts 2:22-27

- (22) Ye men of Israel, hear these words; **Jesus of Nazareth, a man** approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:
- (23) **Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God**, ye have taken, and **by wicked hands have crucified and slain**:
- (24) **Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.**
- (25) For **David speaketh concerning him**, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:
- (26) Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; **moreover also my** [JESUS, THE MESSIAH'S] **flesh shall rest in hope**:
- (27) **Because thou wilt not leave my** [JESUS, THE MESSIAH'S] **soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One** [JESUS, THE MESSIAH] **to see corruption.**

IT IS CLEAR AND EVIDENT, FROM THESE PASSAGES THAT JESUS DID, INDEED, GO TO HELL!

Other New Testament Scripture likewise confirms that:

Ephesians 4:8-10

- (8) Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
- (9) **(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?)**
- (10) **He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)**

What does Paul, the writer of the epistle (that is, letter) to the Ephesians, mean by “lower parts of the earth,” as per the Word of God?

Answer, I believe:

Deuteronomy 32:22

- (22) For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and **shall burn unto the lowest hell**, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

Psalms 86:13

- (13) For great *is* thy mercy toward me: and **thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.**

Numbers 16:28-33

- (28) And **Moses said**, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for *I have not done them* of mine own mind.
- (29) If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; *then* the LORD hath not sent me.
- (30) But if the LORD make a new thing, and **the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up**, with all that *appertain* unto them, **and they go down quick into the pit**; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

- (31) And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that ***the ground cleaved asunder that was under them:***
- (32) And ***the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up,*** and their houses, ***and all the men that appertained unto Korah,*** and all *their* goods.
- (33) They, and all that *appertained* to them, ***went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.***

Thus, I BELIEVE that “the lower parts of the earth” was speaking about “THE LOWEST HELL”, and was referring to “THE PIT” that Korah and company were “swallowed up” into, by the earth opening up and taking them there... alive!

So WHY, then, did Jesus, say, “MY GOD...WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?” – SEEING THAT JESUS COULD NOT, ULTIMATELY, BE HELD WITHIN THE LOWEST HELL?

Here is what I BELIEVE the answer to THAT truly is:

First, and foremost, Jesus was the propitiation for us all; that is a fancy word that means “a sin sacrifice on all of our behalves” (my own wording).

Here’s the definition of “propitiation,” according to Webster’s 1828 Dictionary:

Propitiation

PROPITIATION, n. propisia'shon.

1. The act of appeasing wrath and conciliating the favor of an offended person; the act of making propitious.

2. ***In theology, the atonement or atoning sacrifice offered to God to assuage his wrath and render him propitious to sinners. Christ is the propitiation for the sins of men.*** Rom 3. 1 John 2.

Romans 3:23-26

- (23) ***For all have sinned,*** and come short of the glory of God;
- (24) ***Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:***
- (25) ***Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood,*** to declare his righteousness ***for the remission of sins that are past,*** through the forbearance of God;
- (26) To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: ***that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.***

1John 2:1-2

- (1) My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, ***we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:***
- (2) And ***he is the propitiation for our sins:*** and ***not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.***

AND THEREIN IS MY REASONING EXPRESSED, AS TO WHY I DISAGREE THAT HE HAD BEEN GOD-FORSAKEN:

Jesus BECAME SIN FOR US:

2Corinthians 5:21

(21) For he [GOD THE FATHER] hath made him [JESUS] to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Let's consider what that really meant – and still means for us – eternally... if we are “in Christ”:

Jesus endured the scourging at the whipping post, then being beaten with rods; He suffered the crown of thorns, and then the cross; finally, WHEN HE WAS AT HIS VERY WEAKEST POINT, PHYSICALLY SPEAKING, HE, WHO KNEW NO SIN HIS ENTIRE HUMAN LIFE (the righteous requirements of the Law having been fulfilled by Him in the flesh), BORE ALL SIN, IN ALL CREATION, IN HEAVEN AND IN EARTH, VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE (ALL DARKNESS), PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE, AND BECAME A CURSE (Galatians 3:13) – LITERALLY BECOMING SIN, ITSELF - AS A SIN OFFERING...

...AND HE THEN FELT (WHAT MANKIND HAS, LIKEWISE, FELT EVER SINCE ADAM SINNED) IN HIS SOUL (AND SUFFERING THE WEAKNESS THEREOF IN HIS BODY), HAVING BEEN SEPARATED FROM GOD (Isaiah 59:2 – see below).

In short, “HE FELT THE HUMAN CONDITION!” – FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER!!!

Isaiah 59:1-2

- (1) Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:
(2) But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

Romans 6:23

(23) For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

If the gift is eternal, then death is eternal, also – OUTSIDE OF LIVING UNTO JESUS CHRIST!!!

SO THEN, JESUS FELT WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO DIE THE ETERNAL DAMNATION OF HELL...THAT WHICH WILL BE THE EXPERIENCE OF EVERY PERSON WHO DOES NOT HAVE JESUS AS THEIR PROPITIATION FOR THEIR SINS!!!

HE FELT “GOD-FORSAKEN!!!”

Furthermore, JESUS HAD TO FULFILL THE WORDS OF PROPHECY THAT WERE WRITTEN ABOUT HIM IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, INCLUDING THIS:

Psalms 22:1-2

- (1) To the chief Musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, **A Psalm of David. My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?**
- (2) **O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.**

THIS WAS A MESSIANIC PROPHECY, ONE THAT HAD TO BE FULFILLED IN JESUS (see Luke 24:44, below)

Luke 24:44-47

- (44) And he [JESUS] said unto them, **These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.**
- (45) Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures,
- (46) And said unto them, **Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:**
- (47) **And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.**

IF THE FULFILLMENT OF THE WORDS OF PROPHECY IS NOT ENOUGH REASON FOR JESUS TO HAVE STATED THAT HE “WAS FORSAKEN BY GOD,” ON ITS OWN MERITS, THEN CONSIDER ALSO THAT HE FELT IN HIS SOUL WHAT WE ALL HAVE FELT FROM BIRTH, TO TOP THAT OFF!!!

Jesus was the fulfillment of ALL of the prophetic promises of God Almighty, especially those that came concerning King David’s throne: JESUS WAS THE FULFILLMENT OF “THE DAVIDIC COVENANT”...TRULY, HE WAS THE MESSIAH THAT WAS TO COME, THE CHRIST OF GOD (“Messiah” [Hebrew, “Mashiach”] and “Christ” [Greek, “Christos”] both mean “the Anointed [One]”):

1Kings 2:33

- (33) Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed forever: **but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace forever from the LORD.**

1Kings 9:5

- (5) Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel forever, **as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.**

2Chronicles 6:16

- (16) Now therefore, **O LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel;** yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me.

Psalms 132:10-11

- (10) **For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed.**
- (11) **The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.**

(INCIDENTALLY, THE NEXT VERSE AFTER THE LAST CITED SPEAKS OF ALL OF US – IN ACCORDANCE WITH REVELATION 3:21:

Psalm 132:12

(12) If thy children [DAVID] will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, **their children** [US] shall also sit upon thy throne forevermore.)

(Continuing):

2Chronicles 7:18

(18) Then will I establish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel.

Isaiah 9:6-7

(6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
(7) Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Jeremiah 33:14-17

(14) Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.
(15) In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.
(16) In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.
(17) For thus saith the LORD; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;

Luke 1:31-33

(31) And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.
(32) He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:
(33) And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Hebrews 4:14

(14) Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

1Peter 2:9-10

(9) But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:
(10) Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Matthew 1:1

- (1) The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Matthew 9:27

- (27) And when **Jesus** departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us.

(MANY MORE SIMILAR CITATIONS ARE AVAILABLE!)

Matthew 12:23

- (23) And *all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?*

Matthew 21:6-11

- (6) And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,
(7) And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set *him* thereon.
(8) And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strewed *them* in the way.
(9) *And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.*
(10) And when he was come into Jerusalem, *all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?*
(11) And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

Matthew 22:41-45

- (41) While the Pharisees were gathered together, *Jesus asked them,*
(42) Saying, *What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David.*
(43) *He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,*
(44) *The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?*
(45) *If David then call him, Lord, how is he his son?*

**(JESUS IS THE FULFILLMENT OF THAT – THAT’S HOW!!!
THE LORD GOD SAID UNTO THE LORD, HIS SON, “LORD”!!!)**

Likewise, here:

Mark 12:35-37

- (35) And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, **How say the scribes that Christ is the son of David?**
(36) **For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, the LORD said to my LORD,** Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.
(37) **David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then his son?** And the common people heard him gladly.

Luke 1:31-33

- (31) And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.
(32) **He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:**
(33) And **he shall reign** over the house of Jacob **forever**; and **of his kingdom there shall be no end.**

(See Luke 3:23-31 for the entire genealogy of Jesus from the lineage of King David!)

Romans 1:3-4

(3) *Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;*

(4) *And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, **by the resurrection from the dead:***

AND THAT LEADS TO MY NEXT POINT:

JESUS WAS – AND IS – GOD!!! (One citation: Matthew 1:23)

(Another topic, covered by another Message – see here):

<https://www.rogerfunksongs.com/document/a26-is-jesus-god-free-download/>

BUT HOW WAS HE GOD, AND HUMAN, ALL AT ONCE? you might well ask?

Answer:

The same way that we all, who are filled with the Holy Spirit, are participants in the divine nature (2Peter 1:4):

Jesus was SPIRIT, Soul, and BODY, just like us...BUT HIS SPIRIT WAS THE SPIRIT OF GOD, THE FATHER!!! (Again, see John 4:24.)

When WE receive the Spirit of God, being baptized thereby (Acts 1:5), WE, AT THAT TIME, ARE GIVEN THE SELFSAME SPIRIT THAT RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD... AND THAT MADE HIM TO BE “GOD THE SON”!!! (See Romans 8:11.)

So then, we, therefore, ARE SONS OF GOD MOST HIGH – JUST LIKE JESUS IS (John 1:12)! AND WE SHALL ALSO REIGN UPON HIS THRONE WITH HIM, EVEN AS HE SITS ON GOD THE FATHER’S THRONE NOW (again, see Revelation 3:21)!!!

Now that I’ve taken you down that “rabbit trail”, let me return to the point of His resurrection from the dead, specifically:

Since Jesus FELT God-forsaken, and fulfilled the Scriptures prophesied by David, and since He fulfilled the Davidic Covenant to reign forever on David’s throne – AS MESSIAH – HE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO STAY IN HELL – BECAUSE HE WAS GOD...AND ALSO BECAUSE HE ROSE FROM THE GRAVE BY THE POWER OF THE FATHER’S SPIRIT THAT WAS WITHIN HIM!!! (See also: Acts 2:24; 10:41; 1Corinthians 15:12; Colossians 2:12; 3:1; Romans 8:34; Acts 4:10; 17:31.)

SINCE HE IS LIFE, ITSELF (John 1:1-4,14), AND ALL THINGS CONSIST IN HIM (Colossians 1:17), HE COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE STAYED IN HELL!!!

BUT, EVEN IF HE COULD HAVE, WHICH WAS AN IMPOSSIBILITY (ACCORDING TO ACTS 2:24), SINCE HE IS LIFE, ITSELF, HE WOULD HAVE BROUGHT “LIFE” TO EVERYONE IN HELL – AND, IN FACT, DID!!! See here:

Psalm 139:7-8

- (7) **Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?**
- (8) If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: **if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.**

Ephesians 1:20-23

- (20) **Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,**
- (21) Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:
- (22) **And hath put all things under his feet,** and gave him *to be* the head over all things to the church,
- (23) Which is his body, the fullness **of him that filleth all in all.**

1Peter 3:18-20

- (18) **For Christ** also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, **being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:**
- (19) **By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;**
- (20) **Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing,** wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

So, you see, the Lord rose from the grave to be able even to preach “peace with God” to the ones that lost their lives, when the rains came that flooded the earth, when they’d repented of their unbelief and cried to Noah to let them into the ark – too late to be spared, for their disobedience, BUT given the renewed chance to be eternally released from Hell, their “PRISON” – for their newfound belief in Jesus... WHO HAD COME TO PREACH TO THEM THERE, BY MEANS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD, THE SPIRIT OF LIFE, THAT WAS, AND IS, WITHIN HIM!!!

IN CONCLUSION:

DO I BELIEVE THAT JESUS WAS ETERNALLY “FORSAKEN BY GOD”, EVEN FOR ONE MOMENT OF ETERNITY? NO!

DO I BELIEVE THAT JESUS EXPERIENCED WHAT IT FELT LIKE TO BE FORSAKEN BY GOD ETERNALLY? YES!

DO I BELIEVE THAT HE HAD BEEN SEPARATED FROM GOD THE FATHER, SO THAT THE FATHER WOULD NOT LOOK UPON HIS SON, JESUS, ALBEIT ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME? YES, INDEED! (Isaiah 59:2.)

DO I BELIEVE THAT JESUS WAS NOT POSSIBLY ABLE TO BE FORSAKEN BY GOD, EVEN FOR A MOMENT? YES!!! (FOR HE WAS, AND IS, GOD IN HIS SPIRIT...AND WILL BE FOREVERMORE!!!) HE IS “GOD THE SON!!!”

John 3:16-18

- (16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- (17) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
- (18) He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

1John 4:9

- (9) In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

John 14:6

- (6) Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

2Corinthians 5:17-20

- (17) Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
- (18) And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;
- (19) To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.
- (20) Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

1Corinthians 6:17

- (17) But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Luke 24:49

- (49) And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Acts 1:4-5

- (4) And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.
- (5) For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Act2 2:1-4

- (1) And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- (2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
- (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
- (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:32-36

- (32) This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.
- (33) Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.
- (34) For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,
- (35) Until I make thy foes thy footstool.
- (36) Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Romans 8:9

- (9) But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT...NOW!!!

INVITE HIM INTO YOUR HEART, SAYING,

“LORD JESUS, I RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF YOUR SPIRIT, THAT THE FATHER HAS PROMISED US TO FILL US!

COME DWELL IN ME NOW!!!

I SURRENDER MY WHOLE BODY, SOUL, AND SPIRIT TO YOU... RIGHT NOW!!!

IN JESUS’ NAME, AMEN!!!”

Blessings2u!!

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