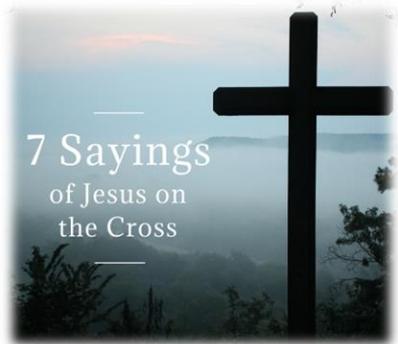


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The Final Lasting Words of Christ on the Cross

Jesus Christ is the central figure of biblical Christianity. The climax of the life of Christ on earth is His vicarious death at Calvary. It is the singular most important event in the life of historic Christianity as well. The immortal and inspired words of our Saviour when He was alive on earth are very precious to us as followers of Christ. Our Lord Jesus Christ preached to and taught many while He was still on earth. Every word He ever uttered is worth

more than that of any man who ever lived. Some of the most memorable words are said on the cross. What would you say on your death bed one day? What one utters at the hour of death is precious and significant. From these words by our Lord, we get a clearer look at the gospel, the message which Christ came to bring to the world and its everlasting effect upon God's elect. Let us consider them together.

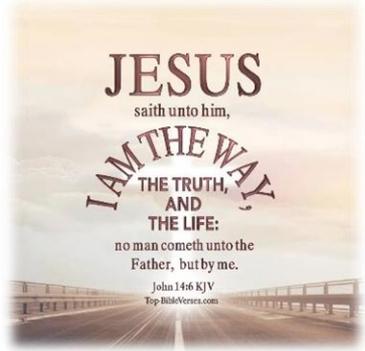


1. The Divine Prayer of Forgiveness

Luke 23:34 says, *'Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots'*. This particular prayer of Jesus is perhaps more directed to the soldiers who were simply carrying out orders. Although all of them are guilty, the orders for the crucifixion of Christ came from both the Jewish and Roman leadership in Jerusalem. He gave Himself for the elect and that was a part of the absolute sovereign will of Almighty God. Our Lord is most forgiving and not one that would keep His anger forever but that is also true in His dealings with us (Psa 103:7-10). This is a glorious example for us to emulate in our relationships with others. Realize that the believer is redeemed at Calvary, the blood of Christ brings forensic acquittal, and it is based, not upon our good works (for they are but filthy rags before Him), but solely on His sovereign grace and mercy. (Isa 64:6; Tit 3:5, Eph 2:8-9)

2. The Eternal Place for the Forgiven

Luke 23:43, *'And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise'*. This is the extraordinary statement a guilty sinner can ever hear from the living Saviour on the brink of death and hell. This thief was snatched out, as it were, from the eternal flames of everlasting fire and redeemed forever in the joy and presence of the most High God. There is an everlasting hope in Christ to the very end of life. Jesus also says in John 14:1-6, *'Let not your heart be troubled: ye*



believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me' Jesus said that the believing thief would be with Him that very same day in paradise (no halfway house like purgatory) but the unrepentant thief will perish in hell with everlasting judgement.

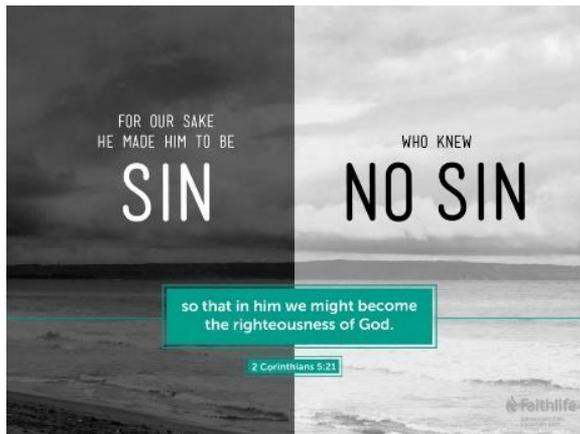
3. The Christ-Honouring Concern for our Loved Ones

John 19:27 says, *'Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.'* The Spirit of Christ has genuine concern for others when they cry out to Him. The disciples and the early Church showed their concern for others even at the expense of martyrdom.

On the cross, Jesus' concern for his mother exemplified His concern for those for whom He loved and died. John was the last disciple that died naturally as the others were martyred for their faith. John was kept alive for the writing of the book of Revelation and our Lord committed to him the care of Mary as he would live the longest. Such was Jesus' sincere devotion to Mary, His mother, and it also exemplified His concern for "family" too. Are you also concerned enough for your father/mother/siblings' salvation? Do you pray for them and see that they come and hear the gospel and are taken care of as well? The same principle is applied to others too as we are to show our genuine love and concern for our relatives and friends as well. Something to think about.

4. The Unimaginable Temporal Separation of the Godhead

Matt 27:46 says, '*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?*' The loving heavenly Father turned His back on his Son as Jesus bore our sins in His own body on the tree. (2Cor 5:21) Here we see both the Holiness of God and the weight and shame of our sins. Isaiah 59:2 says, '*But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.*' Sin has its effect for it separates us from the blessing, power and enjoyment of God and it needs to be confessed and repented. 1 John 1:9 says, '*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*' Will you do it today? If we are in Christ, we will seek his pardon and will not want to be separated from God.



5. The Humanity of Christ Authenticated

John 19:28 says, '*After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.*' As the Son of Man, Jesus bore our infirmity. This authenticates His humanity and will be a good reply to the Gnostics (or the New Agers today) who falsely charged that our Lord was just a phantom who did not have a proper body, which is heretical to say the least. Can a dismembered person drink water? He is able to understand us for He had similar infirmities and was tempted in like manner as us (Heb 4:16). He is our Substitute and our Sin Bearer, and the sins of His people (Matt 1:21) were upon Him which He took upon Himself. As the pain of death grasped hold of His body, He showed the agony and torment of the cross as He cried out in thirst. Remember, it was not His sins that he bore, but ours. 2 Cor 5:21 says, '*For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*'

6. The Finished Work



John 19:30 says, *'When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost'*. It is finished! What does it mean? Was Jesus finished? No, He was far from finished for He broke the power of sin and set the captive free. He was not finished for He rose triumphantly the third day (Matt 28:1-10; 1 Cor 15:57). No, it was His work of redemption that

was finished and that is important for we cannot add anything to our salvation for Christ had done it all. No works, philosophy, morality, penance or indulgence or prayer to the saints many can or should be added to save us for Christ had done it all on our behalf. It is finally completed; the work of redemption was totally done by Christ and we need not do anything for we cannot do anything to save ourselves! Note that no one can take away the spirit of Christ unless He willingly laid it down as it was spoken. Only He alone can give up His Spirit for He is the Sovereign One. John 4:34 says, *'Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work'*. Jesus accomplished the work of salvation at the cross of Calvary.

7. The Ultimate Statement

Luke 23:46 says, *'And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost'*. What better person to commend ourselves to than to our heavenly Father! Jesus words here are an example to all of us. Have we given ourselves to God? Have we trusted Him who is the eternal Son of God and who is our eternal salvation? We need to commit or entrust our souls to the only True Saviour who is absolutely capable to save us. (See AW Pink, *"The Seven Last Sayings of Christ"* on this). For His way is the way of the cross and no one can expect to go to heaven any other way. There is a sense in which we must all relinquish our spirit one day when we breathe our last breath. Our lives are in His hands and Psa 92:12 says, *'The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon'*. We also need to give ourselves up to God, to die to our own selfish wants, desires and ambitions and take up the Cross and follow Him. Will you be willing to give up of your life and time, talent, and earthly treasures in order to seek a better kingdom in Christ and not to build treasures on this temporal earth? Have you surrendered today to do the will of God today? Think about it seriously today.

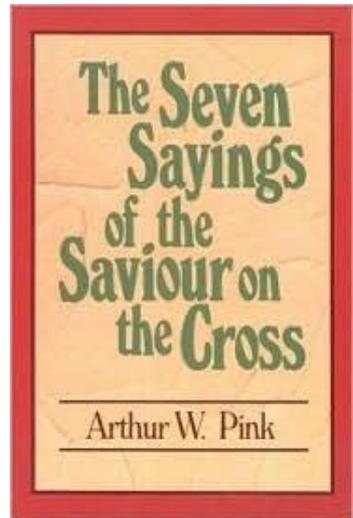
The Old Testament saints looked forward to the coming of the Messiah Christ who will come one day and dies at Calvary. Saints and repentant sinners today can look back to a finished work. Have you hope in Christ or hopeless in self and man and will you confess and repent and believe in Christ alone ad your God in a new life with peace and joy and hope?

Conclusion

Eph 5:15-16 says, *'See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil'*. These are lasting words of our dying Saviour and it will forever ring in our hearts and minds as we live in perilous times. It shows the very heartbeat of our great God in saving souls from a lost and depraved mankind. Each phrase is pregnant with meaning and spiritual implications for us today. Let these be our contemplations and reflection during this sobering as we prayerfully commemorate the atoning death and the resurrection of our Lord, anyone who humbles himself or herself before Christ can call upon the One who uttered them for us and know and believe Jesus as our Redeemer and Deliverer.

Jack Sin

(For deeper studies, read AW Pink, The Seven Last Sayings of Christ, Banner of Truth Trust.)



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CHURCH MAY DAY SEMINAR

**Biblical Insights & Practical Approaches
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by Dr Johannah Soo
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**Nutrition and
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by Rev Dr Jack Sin
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BIBLICAL PARADOXES OF LIFE EXPOUNDED

LORD'S DAY PROGRAM APR-JUN 2022

APRIL

[3] FINDING & LOSING ONE'S LIFE
MATTHEW 10:31-39

[10*] CHOSEN BY GOD & ABIDING
JOHN 15:1-16

Good Friday Service

[15] DIVINE SATISFACTION AT THE CROSS
JOHN 19:25-42

Easter Service

[17] OF DYING & YET LIVING
MATTHEW 28:1-10

[24] SORROWFUL YET REJOICING
2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-10

MAY

[1] POOR & YET RICH
MATTHEW 5:5, PHILIPPIANS 4:10-19

[8*] TEMPORAL & ETERNAL
1 JOHN 5:1-13

[15] STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS
2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-10

[22] KNOWING THE LOVE OF CHRIST THAT SURPASSES
KNOWLEDGE
EPHESIANS 3:11-19

[29] OF LIGHT & DARKNESS
2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-7

JUNE

[5] OF HOLINESS & WORLDLINESS
1 JOHN 2:15-21

[12*] OF PERPLEXITY & PEACE
2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-18

[19] SPIRIT OF TRUTH VS ERROR
1 JOHN 3:18-4:6

Gospel Sunday

[26] ENDLESS HOPE OR HOPELESS END?
ROMANS 5:1-11

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Tracting and Evangelism at MacPherson estate on 10 Apr.



Pre-worship singing on 10 Apr to warm up our voices to praise and worship God!



Memory Verse

Matt 27:54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Pastor speaks tonight on “***Divine Satisfaction at the Cross (Matt 27:20-54)***.”
3. Pastor speaks this Resurrection Sunday on “***Of Dying and Yet Living (Matt 28:1-10)***.”
4. Pastor speaks next Sunday on “***Sorrowful Yet Rejoicing (2 Cor 6:1-10)***”, continuing the new quarterly series on “***Biblical Paradoxes of Life Expounded***”.
5. Sunday School classes continues after worship service:
 - WCF Shorter Catechism Class – Pastor Jack
 - Study on 4 Early Old Testament Characters – Joseph
 - Studies in Deuteronomy – Dn Kwong Leen
 - Burmese Bible Class - James
6. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. Included in the programme is a study on Church History in China on alternate Sundays. Join us for a time of profitable learning.
7. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church.
8. In accordance with the Vaccination-Differentiated Safe Management Measures (VDS) that is effective from 1Feb, our Sunday worship services are for vaccinated worshippers. The measures do not apply to religious classes ie. Sun School and Bible Study classes and hence all are welcome to attend.
9. **The Church camp will be from 16 -18 June at Changi Cove** on the theme “***Biblical Precepts for a Vibrant Christian Walk***” by Dr Jack Sin. Registration Forms are available from Dn Yue Kay and all are encouraged to register as soon as possible as there is a limited capacity.
10. Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class will next meet on **Fri 6 May 2022, 7.30pm in church** on the study of 2 Samuel. Come and join us!
11. Those who wish to bring a new friend to the worship service, kindly inform the safety officer Dn Yue Kay or Pastor at least a day in advance.
12. Do kindly observe the safety measures of the church and assist with the weekly cleaning of the premises.
13. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
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