

## HOW GOD DIED

### *Luke 23:44-49*

Did God die on the cross? In the normal sense of these words, NO, for God is eternal and \_\_\_\_\_  
Physical death is separation of the soul from the \_\_\_\_\_; spiritual death is separation of the soul from \_\_\_\_\_  
God the Son endured both physical and spiritual death; the essence of Hell is not location but \_\_\_\_\_

#### I. THE DETAILS OF THE DEATH OF CHRIST

##### A. Death Had No \_\_\_\_\_ over Jesus

- 1) Jesus had been tortured and crucified; Isaiah 52:14 says that He hardly looked \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) But death at its strongest could not conquer Jesus at His weakest, for Jesus was and is \_\_\_\_\_

##### B. Jesus Voluntarily \_\_\_\_\_ His Life

- 1) Military heroes who laid down their lives for others were \_\_\_\_\_ in death: death acted on them
- 2) Not so with Jesus; death for Him was an act of HIS will. Even on the cross He was in \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Jesus volunteered to die because He was willing to be the perfect \_\_\_\_\_ for our sin

##### C. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ His Soul to His Father

- 1) When Jesus was in agony, His mind was stayed upon Scripture which He had \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Jesus faced death with Scripture on His lips from Ps. \_\_\_\_; His soul was soaked in the Word of God
- 3) Jesus made Psalm 31 His own by prefixing the word \_\_\_\_\_ and we can do the same thing
- 4) Jesus' final words show us how to \_\_\_\_\_; we may commit our souls to God with the same faith

#### II. THE REACTIONS TO THE DEATH OF CHRIST

##### A. The Reaction of \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) At noon on the day Jesus died, the \_\_\_\_\_ stopped shining—over all the earth or just Judea?
- 2) From noon to 3 pm Jesus endured the \_\_\_\_\_ of God upon the sin of all men—not even the sun shined on Him; since Jesus bore the wrath of all the sun ceased to shine over \_\_\_\_\_ the earth
- 3) In the OT the sun being darkened is tied to the Day of the Lord—the day of final \_\_\_\_\_

##### B. The Reaction of \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) The veil of the temple was torn in two: this “veil” was a very thick \_\_\_\_\_ 60 feet in length
- 2) This veil separated the \_\_\_\_\_ (where the Ark of Covenant was) from the rest of the temple
- 3) This veil was a hanging object lesson teaching that our sin \_\_\_\_\_ us from a holy God
- 4) At the moment Jesus died, God reacted by tearing this veil in two from top to bottom—why?
  - a) By bearing the wrath of God Jesus made the way for us to \_\_\_\_\_ with a holy God forever
  - b) This miracle indicated that God was finished with the temple, priesthood and \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) The torn veil is an illustration that we can bring our \_\_\_\_\_ to God only in Jesus' name

##### C. The Reaction of \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) V.47: the centurion said, “Certainly this was a righteous Man!” indicating that Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_  
But the centurion also called Jesus the Son of God, indicating that He was the \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice
- 2) V.48: the crowd departed, beating the breasts, indicating their grief and \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) V.49: the “acquaintances of Jesus” were His \_\_\_\_\_ who stood afar off rather than at the cross