

Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross

Plan of Salvation

Forgiveness
(OBJECTIVE)

1. **"Father forgive them; for they know not what they do."** – Luke 23:24
God takes first step >> taking our **guilt and punishment** upon Himself /placing it upon His Son
-Human race **"declared righteous"** (Justified)- **while Christ was dying**

The Love of God
takes the first step

Promise of Eternal Life
(SUBJECTIVE)

2. **"Truly, I say unto thee today, thou shalt be with Me in paradise."** – Luke 23:43
-Human response (**Justification by faith**)
This is when eternal life actually begins in the individual

Character Development process

3. **"Woman, behold thy son...behold thy mother."** – John 19:26, 27
-Translation: Church 'embrace' your children, believers respect the church
*For church to fulfill its mission (**Sanctification by faith**) --members must **love one another** (which fosters unity)*

---Darkness over all the land from the sixth hour till the ninth hours (noon)---

Jesus dying our second death

Judgment Realized
-John 12:31

4. **"My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me."** – Matt. 27:46, Psalm 22:1
Wrath of God – *He was tasting death for every man* -Heb 2:9
-Rev. 15:8

This was the first of the strong cries of agony as He was being crushed to death.

From a corporate perspective: Corporate humanity "in Christ" could here be thought of as crying out "thirsting" what we should have desired. 50 days later this cry was answered at Pentecost. – Ps. 42.1,2

5. **"I Thirst."** – John 19:28, Matt.5:6
What was the Son of God thirsting for, was it just physical thirst?
Could it be Christ was thirsting for the companionship and love of His Father?
Because as He **"knew all things were now accomplished"** in His life, He could now exclaim it and rest in His Father in death.

This is the second of the cries, which occurred when "the darkness lifted from His oppressed spirit. The Son "revived to a sense of physical suffering". -DA 754.4

The transgression (singular) finished.
-Dan 9:24

6. **"It is Finished"** – John 19:30, Psalm 22:31
A perfect completed work of Salvation! The human race had been **redeemed** –the universe secured. The Atonement complete, yet not finished. As in Creation, now also **in Redemption**. Both were completed on the 6th day, which is full of significance. It was a living Sacrifice that secured Redemption.

The third strong cry, expressed the knowledge of the suffering Messiah that His whole life work had come to completion. He had become The **Lamb of God** slain from the foundation of the world.

Judgment Executed
-Matt 27:50

7. **"Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit."** – Luke 23:46
This last four sayings of Christ reveal the (**Glorification of the Father**).
The death sentence which condemned Adam when he sinned, was now fulfilled in Christ, as **our substitute**. "By **faith** He **rested** in Him whom it had ever been His **joy** to obey." The law of God had been sustained. The character of Jehovah vindicated. "By **faith**, Christ was victor." -DA 756.3

The fourth was more like a sigh, a relief that the work had been completed and in faith He submitted resting in His Father's will.

The Love of God takes the last step
submitting to death conquering over it.