

## death by love

### 7. The Sound of Trust

Luke 23:46

- Readiness for death requires faith – but faith must be grounded in truth
- Jesus' last cry shows faith and two grounds for faith

#### 1. A Relationship Restored

- The order of his cries: “Father” – “Forsaken!” – “Finished!” – “Father”
- Relationship with Father was ‘broken’ as he took our sins & punishment
- The relationship is now restored. Cries out for 2 reasons:
  - a) **His enemies needed to hear it**
  - b) **We need to hear that he was no longer under God’s wrath**
    - o He left the Father’s side to take us from forsakenness back to the Father
    - o Here we see him back with the Father – we too can be accepted
- Christianity is about a personal relationship with God, knowing him as Father

#### 2. A Sovereignty to Adore

- Jesus not a tragic victim – always in control
- Doesn't die because of crucifixion – he gives up his spirit – He chooses!
- John 10:17-18 – “I lay down my life... no-one takes it from me...”
- He chooses death because that was what Adam & Eve had chosen for us
- Emphasis of NT: He gave himself – Heb 9:14, Titus 2:14, Mark 10:45
- Amazing if someone dies to save you, but beyond understanding that someone who didn't have to die would choose death for you.
- He dismissed his spirit – something to fill us with wonder

#### 3. A Trust to Imitate

- “Into your hands I commit my spirit” – quoting Ps 31:5
- Ps 31 - The righteous man suffering unjustly keeping trusting God
- Jesus, the ultimate righteous man sets the example of trusting God in bleakest circumstances
- When you know God as father you can trust him no matter
  - a) **The Father only has tenderness towards you**
    - o All the wrath is past, he is now your father
  - b) **The Father provides absolute security**
    - o “No-one can snatch them out of my fathers hands” – John 10:29
  - c) **The Father will be with you no matter the circumstances**
    - o You can enjoy communion with God even in the hardest times
- Christians can trust the Father’s hands - because of relationship and his power
  - o Means that you can face life with confidence
  - o Means that you can face death with confidence based on facts
- Non-Christians can only fear falling into the father’s hands – Heb 10:26-31

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Sabbath 25th January 09

## Notices

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|-----------------------|--|-----|
| Sab 25 <sup>th</sup>  | Evening service at Mark & Judith's<br>Prayer time for wider church   | 8pm |
| Wed                   | Bible Study @ Church - Study I in Ten Commandments   | 8pm |
| Sab 1 <sup>st</sup>   | Prayer time before the service @ 11.15am<br><br>Mark preaching in Faughan RP Church - Rev Steven Robinson will be preaching and bringing Presbytery's report on Milford to the congregation  |     |
| 6-8 Feb               | Adult Conference - Portrush. Application forms available<br>Theme - Developing a Vision for Mission - Rev Warren Peel  |     |
| Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>  | AGM  |     |
| Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> | Milford congregation are invited to the commissioning service of Robert Robb as Pastor of Enniskillen fellowship. Let Mark know by 8th Feb if you are going - they need to know numbers for catering<br>Enniskillen Agricultural College at 7.45pm |     |

## Christianity Explored

A 6-week course designed to let you find out the facts about Jesus, or to refresh your memory, and to find answers to your questions about Jesus, the Bible or Christianity.

- You don't need to know anything about the Bible
- You won't be asked to read, pray or answer questions
- You will be given every opportunity to ask your own questions

If you're interested in finding out more, or having one in your home for friends to come to - speak to Mark

Sabbath 8th - Remarkable Women :: Remarkable God - Sarah (Genesis 11,12,15-17,21-23)  
Opening Psalm: 81:1-4

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