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Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

MISSIONS

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THEREFORE, MY BELOVED BRETHREN,
BE STEADFAST, IMMOVABLE,
ALWAYS ABOUNDING
IN THE WORK OF THE LORD,
KNOWING THAT YOUR LABOR
IS NOT IN VAIN IN THE LORD.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58, NKJV

We offer 4 free Bible correspondence course series by mail:

8 lesson series by Hurt
6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles" by Pharr
30 lesson series "Studies In The Bible"
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr

Let everyone know!

Eli, Eli, Lama Sabachthani?

After six punishing hours of hanging on a cross for the sins of the world, our Lord cried out with a loud voice the words which compose the title of this article (Matthew 27:46). Mark's account has the word "Eloi" instead of Eli (Mark 15:34). McGarvey explains, "Eli is Hebrew, Eloi Aramaic or Syro-Chaldaic for 'My God.' The former would be used by Jesus if he quoted the Scripture, the latter if he spoke the language of the people."¹

The scripture Jesus quoted was the opening question of Psalm 22 —"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" How fitting it was for Jesus to use the Word of God in His agony on the cross, since it was the fulfillment of God's word/will that required this extreme suffering (Matthew 5:17; 26:39; John 6:38). Later in the aforementioned psalm, are these words: "I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee" (Psalm 22:22). This is quoted in the book of Hebrews to prove the point that Jesus, as the captain of our salvation, was made perfect through sufferings, and that He took part in the flesh and blood in order to identify with us as a brother (Hebrews 2:10-12). His agony that caused Him to cry out "Why?" to God eventually led to Him to sing praise to God with His brothers, those He has sanctified with His blood (Hebrews 2:11; 1 Peter 1:2).

The statement *Eli, Eli, Lama Sabachthani* is personal. Jesus refers to God the Father as "My God." Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, sustained a relationship to the Father that no other on earth possessed (John 1:18; 5:17-20). This great intimacy must have made the pain of separation our Lord expressed all the greater. He felt forsaken by His God, the one closest to Him.

Why was there a separation? What exactly was transpiring when Jesus expressed this great distress of separation? 2 Corinthians 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." According to Habakkuk 1:13, God is of purer eyes than to behold evil and cannot look upon iniquity. Certainly, Jesus did not become a sinner at this time, for Peter claims afterwards that Jesus never sinned (1 Peter 2:22). John by inspiration declares, "...in him is no sin" (1 John 3:5). The writer of Hebrews describes Him as, "...holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners" (Hebrews 7:26). Jesus being made sin for us (2 Corinthians 5:21) and the separation that is evident in the words He cried out must be related to the fact that Jesus is the sin offering for the world. Hebrews 10 reveals that the blood of bulls and goats shed under the Old Testament dispensation could not take away sins; therefore, Jesus came as our great high priest and offered his own body for sins once and for all.

We cannot fully comprehend what was occurring in the mind of Jesus Christ when He cried those heartrending words, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?". Let us not think that we can fully understand it when Jesus Himself asked, "Why?". Without doubt the humanity of Jesus is seen in these words. He suffered the cruelest of deaths for us voluntarily, so that we might have eternal life (John 3:16). Let us remember this when we are tempted to ask "Why?".

- Mark Day

¹McGarvey, J.W. and Philip Pendleton. *The Fourfold Gospel*. (Bowling Green, KY: Guardian of Truth) p. 730

Today's Lessons

AM: Abiding: The Secret of Bearing Fruit

PM: What Can I Do?

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:58

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Mark your calendar!

Congregational meeting Feb. 26th in large annex classroom following Wednesday night Bible study. Make plans to attend.

Mark your calendar!

Vacation Bible School is on Saturday, August 2nd. Make plans to be there!

Mark your calendar!

We will be having a two day Evangelism Training on August 23rd and 24th.

This is for the entire congregation. Please mark your calendars now and make plans to attend. More details to follow.

Attendance & Contribution Goals

	2/16/25	Goal	2/18/24
Bible Study	67	90	65
AM Worship	107	130	108
PM Worship	63	90	79
Mid Week	42	90	76
Contribution	\$7,290.20		\$6,125.20

SERMON NOTES

DATE

MAIN
VERSE

KEY POINTS

KEY SCRIPTURES

Today's Prayer

PRAY MORE
worry less

Today's Servants

WELCOME

AM/PM: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Nathan Adkins

FIRST PRAYER

AM: Jordan Conley

PM: Greg Hall

LORD'S TABLE*

AM Presiding: Greg Hall

Assisting: John Gambill, Terry Fouts,
Mark Parks, Matt Vonderheide,
Jacob Martin, Jacob Brown, Ernie Perry

PM Presiding: Chris Scott

Assisting: Cody Ward

***gluten-free bread**

CLOSING PRAYER

AM: George Wallace

PM: Richard Miranda

SCRIPTURE READING

PM: Jacob Brown

Wednesday Servants

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Jeremiah Smith

PRAYER: Greg Hall

DEVOTIONAL: Jerry Sturgill

Weekly Servants

LIVE STREAM: Jason Fouts

POWER POINT: Mark Gullett

BLDG. ATT.: JC Hughes

COORDINATOR: JC Hughes

ATTENDANCE: John Gambill

Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as our guest today. If you are a first-time visitor with us, please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you will find on the back of the pew. You may put it in the collection plate or give it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with free tracts and literature. We also have Bible correspondence courses you can sign up to receive by mail at no cost to you. Let us know if you would like to set up an in-home Bible study. Thank you for attending.

We hope to see you often!

Dates to Remember

Feb. 26 - Congregational meeting in annex after Bible study

Feb. 28 - 11:30am Ladies' Lunch at El Colonial



Youth Notes

Sundays at 5:45pm - Pew Packers in front of the auditorium geared to age 12 and under but everyone is welcome.

Aug. 2-Vacation Bible School 10am-2pm

Something to ponder...

"Fear is a reaction. Courage is a decision."

[Josh. 1:9; 2 Tim. 1:7; Rev. 21:8]