

God is too pure to look at sin (*Habakkuk 1:13*). Jesus suffered and died to remove our sin so God might be able to look at us. At the moment of your salvation, how many of your sins are forgiven?

What must we do to maintain fellowship with God (*1 John 1:9*)?

Why is the cross of Jesus so important (*1 Corinthians 2:1-2; Galatians 6:14*)?

16. How can we pray for each other this week?

Quotes to Ponder

The darkness was not caused by the absence of God, but rather by His presence in full judgment, vengeance, and fury. Infinite wrath moved by infinite righteousness released infinite punishment on the Son. Because He is infinite, in just three hours He was able to absorb all the punishment of eternal hell for all who will ever believe.

John MacArthur

Spiritual darkness—turning away from God, the true light, and making anything more important than Him—leads invariably from disorientation to disintegration. And, apart from the intervention of God, we are all in spiritual darkness.

Timothy Keller

The mid-day darkness is the first of the six miracles of Calvary. It is the beginning of the divine procession of signs that heralded the death of Jesus Christ... Some of these miracles occurred in the heavens, others under the earth, yet they all established a unique class of miracles. Each of these signs attached themselves irrevocably to Christ's eternal act of redemption.

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#1 Darkness — Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44-45 February 14, 2016

Sermon
Notes

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?

Psalm 27:1 —

1 Timothy 6:16 —

Habakkuk 3:4 —

1 John 1:5 —

2. What is associated with the birth, life, and ministry of Jesus (Isaiah 49:6; Luke 2:9-11; John 8:12; 12:36)?

Why does Jesus cry out to God in *Matthew 27:46*?

What is associated with Jesus' death (*Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44-45*)?

What did that confirm about the purpose of the cross?

What does darkness often symbolize in the Old Testament according to the following verses?

Exodus 10:21-23 —

Amos 5:20 —

Isaiah 5:26-30 —

Amos 8:9 —

Jeremiah 15:6-9 —

Zephaniah 8:12 —

Joel 2:1-2, 30-31 —

Matthew 8:12 —

What did the darkness at the crucifixion mean?

What did Jesus do in addition to bearing man's sin (*2 Corinthians 5:21*)?

In the midst of bearing the world's sin, what did Jesus long for (*Matthew 27:46*)?

What do the following verses teach about forgiveness?

Isaiah 59:1-2 —

Hebrews 9:22 —

Acts 13:38-39 —

1 Peter 3:18 —

How is God often described in Scripture?

Psalm 18:28 —

Micah 7:8 —

Titus 2:13-14 —