

He said nothing, except to the repentant thief, to whom He spoke the message of grace and salvation.

In chapter 2, verses 22-23 of his first epistle, Peter, speaking of Christ, said that He "committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously."

The reason Jesus was forsaken by God was not because He was guilty of any sinful thought or act.

2. The reason He was forsaken was not because He became corrupt and depraved by taking the sins of the world upon Himself.

Although "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness" (I Peter 2:24), and although "He [the Father] made Him [the Son] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (II Corinthians 5:21), yet this does not mean that Christ Himself became corrupt and depraved.

In fact, if Christ had become sinful by taking our sins on Himself, His sacrifice would have been of no value. The apostle Peter, in I Peter 1:18-19 states that "you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ." If the