

Theme: The Apostles' Creed - Jesus Descended For Us

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"About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani? that is, 'My God'" (Matthew 27:45-46)

Throughout the course of church history, many people have taught that Jesus' spirit descended into hell after His death on the cross. Faithfulness to all Scripture, however, requires us to deny that Jesus went to hell after He died. In Luke 23:43, Jesus tells the repentant thief that "today, you will be with me in paradise. Most scholars agree that Jesus' descension for us was into the grave. Our Savior's last words, "It is finished," show us that His work was completed when He died. Jesus' spirit never went into hell, but on the cross He suffered the full wrath of God that is poured out in hell.

REFLECTION

- Have you thanked God, that in Christ, you are fully delivered from the anguish and torment of hell?
- Does your heart break for those who have yet to believe in and proclaim faith alone in Jesus?

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- Read the Gospel accounts of Jesus' suffering and dying on the cross for us. Consider personally Jesus dying for your sins and taking your punishment.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray about your patience and longsuffering for the lost in your family, community and the world.
- Pray for CBCGB
 - Pray for the ability to better identify with the sufferings of Christ as you go through the struggles of this world.
 - Pray for church leadership as we strive to shepherd the flock here at CBCGB.
 - Pray for China's current political environment and people and leaders to turn to Jesus.