Grace Desires A Place To Go

Eph. 1:8

Now we see *GRACE* enveloping Jesus and the Cross. I Peter 2:24 reveals the Lord Jesus Christ took our place and became our substitute – *"He bore our sins in His own body on the tree."*

It was 9 AM when our Lord was placed on the cross. When noon came, darkness fell upon the earth and at that time all the sins of the world tumbled down upon the Savior. *"The one not knowing sin became sin for us."* *"He bore our sins in His own body on the tree."* 2 Cor. 5:21; I Peter 2:24. At that moment, *HE DIED SPIRITUALLY.* He was not born spiritually dead (Virgin born) but the wages of sin is Spiritual death. (HE TOOK OUR WAGES).

(Study here the Greek and Expanded Translations of II Corinthians 5:21)

In Gen. 2:16-19 the Lord made it very clear to Adam *"The DAY ye eat thereof you shall surely die."* This means that the DAY Adam disobeyed, He died spiritually! Adam lived over 900 years after he disobeyed.

Jesus, the last Adam, is now on the cross and our sins are poured out upon Him and at that moment He said: *"My God, My God (Father and HS) why have you forsaken me?"* The word forsaken means that God the Father was judging Christ for SINS – NOT HIS, but ours. THE CROSS IS THE JUDGMENT FOR SIN. The day Adam disobeyed, he died spiritually – The day Christ bore our sins on the cross – He died spiritually.

John 19:30 Our Lord said *"It Is FINISHED."* The verb in the perfect tense shouts out to us today. The work of salvation is finished forever, completed, perfect!
1. For Jesus to say that in the hearing of the people of that day he still had to be alive.
2. He was not dead on the cross and looked up and said: *"It (Salvation) has been completed."*
3. Then he said; *"Father, into thy hands I commend (dismiss) my spirit."* This is His physical death – now, the work of the Incarnation was complete.
4. Isa. 53:9 shows us that Christ was to be identified with the rich man in his deaths (Col. 2:12). The Physical death has to do with Resurrection. The Spiritual death has to do with Salvation.